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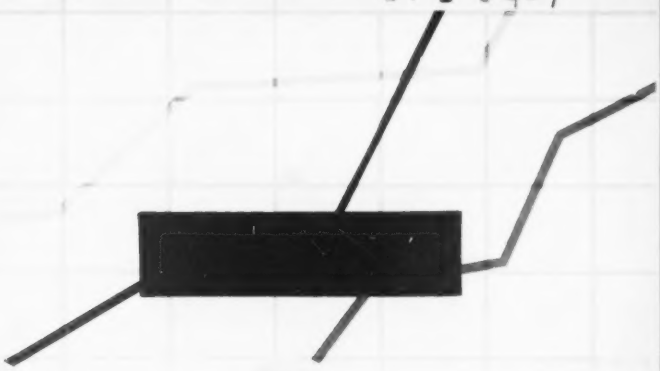

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Now that all the numbers are in, the ***Annual Statistical Supplement*** brings in the new to compare with the old. Also special is an update of a previous article, ***The Geography of the Recession***, which shows the state's economy still holding firm.

West Virginia Department of Employment Security

Total Employment, Unemployment, and Civilian Labor Force in West Virginia

WV Series Labor Force Data *(In Thousands - Not Seasonally Adjusted)*	*Prelim. Jan. '92*	*Revised Dec. '91*	*Revised Jan. '91*	*Change from: Dec. 1991*	*Jan. 1991*
Civilian Labor Force	733.3	744.5	726.4	-11.2	6.9
Total Employment	667.8	685.0	664.9	-17.2	2.9
Total Unemployment	65.4	59.5	61.6	5.9	3.8
Unemployment Rate	8.9	8.0	8.5	xx	xx
BLS Series Labor Force Data *(In Thousands - Not Seasonally Adjusted)*					
Civilian Labor Force	789.9	786.2	772.7	3.7	17.2
Total Employment	680.2	698.3	688.5	-18.1	-8.3
Total Unemployment	109.6	87.9	84.2	21.7	25.4
Unemployment Rate	13.9	11.2	10.9	xx	xx

EMPLOYMENT: Total employment in West Virginia contracted by 17,200 between December and January. There were 667,800 state residents who held jobs in January 1992, 2,900 more than a year ago. While employment always declines seasonally in January, employment growth in the state has started to stagnate as the national recession drags on.

Payroll employment in the nonfarm sectors of West Virginia's economy retreated to 620,900 over the month. Mining fell slightly, as oil and gas extraction dropped 200 in response to soft natural gas prices while coal mining dipped only 100. Construction's decrease of 3,700 was largely seasonal, the result of winter weather discouraging outdoor construction work. Primary metals manufacturing declined 200, while industrial machinery experienced a loss of 200 as layoffs from a large plant closing were completed. Among service-producing industries, after-Christmas losses in retail trade obscured the fact that enough new stores and malls have opened in recent months to overcome the employment drain of last winter's closing of a statewide chain of apparel stores. Services experienced seasonal downturns in amusements, business services, agricultural services and private educational services, which were partially counteracted by a boost to personal services from temporary tax season employees. Transportation's January cutback of 600 was seasonal as well. Government had a net loss of 3,100, caused in large part by temporary fluctuations among part-time and student workers in the public education sector.

UNEMPLOYMENT: The number of unemployed state residents increased by 5,900 during January, to a level of 65,400 statewide. The rate of unemployment rose to 8.9 percent for January, up from 8.0 percent in December. An unemployment increase always occurs at this time of year.

West Virginia Economic Indicators

	Jan. 1992	Dec. 1991	Jan. 1991
Average Weekly Hours in Manufacturing			
Unadjusted	40.6	40.9	40.5
Seasonally Adjusted	40.7	40.7	40.6
Total Production Worker Hours in Manufacturing (000), Weekly, Unadjusted	2,547	2,569	2,586
Average Weekly Earnings in Manufacturing, Unadjusted	$487.20	$492.44	$472.64
Average Weekly Hours in Bituminous Coal Mining, Unadjusted	47.9	44.8	46.0
Average Weekly Earnings in Bituminous Coal Mining, Unadjusted	$887.59	$833.73	$853.30
Coal Production (000 Tons)			
Unadjusted	*INA	13,078	13,257
Seasonally Adjusted	*INA	13,663	13,304
Commercial and Industrial Electric Power Sales (000,000 KWH)			
Unadjusted	1,259	1,199	1,212
Seasonally Adjusted	1,166	1,213	1,123
New Motor Vehicle Registrations, Unadjusted	6,268	5,040	5,127
Interstate Initial Claims			
Unadjusted	1,868	1,726	2,041
Seasonally Adjusted	1,181	1,461	1,290
Average Weekly Initial Claims			
Unadjusted	3,756	3,090	3,945
Seasonally Adjusted	1,861	2,479	1,955
Insured Unemployment Rate			
Unadjusted	5.1	4.2	4.7
Seasonally Adjusted	3.7	4.0	3.4
Total Unemployment Rate, Seasonally Adjusted	7.4	7.9	7.0

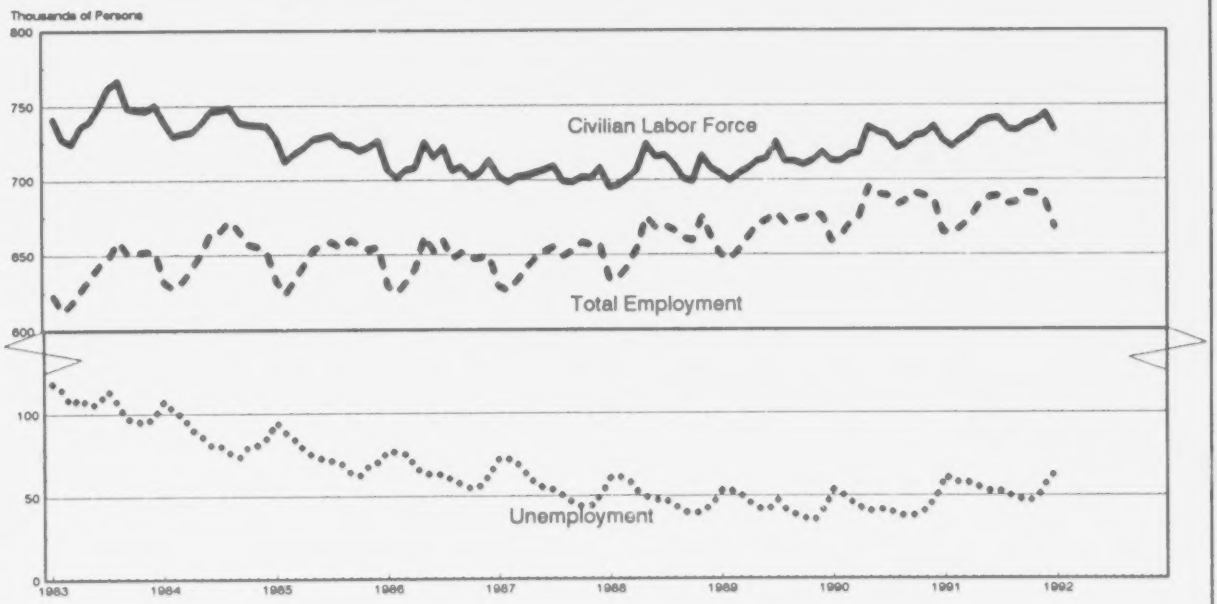
**January 1992 data not available*

Selected National Data

	Jan. 1992	Dec. 1991	Jan. 1991
Civilian Unemployment Rate			
Unadjusted	8.0	6.8	7.0
Seasonally Adjusted	7.1	7.1	6.2
Consumer Price Index, All Urban Consumers			
Unadjusted			
1982-84 Base	138.1	137.9	134.6
1967 Base	413.8	413.0	403.1
Producer Price Index, Finished Goods			
Unadjusted, 1982 Base	121.7	121.9	122.3
Initial Claims for Unemployment Insurance (000)			
Week including 12th, Unadjusted	692.5	561.6	863.1
Insured Unemployment Rate, Week including 12th			
Unadjusted	3.9	3.3	3.7
Seasonally Adjusted	3.2	3.3	3.0
Average Hours and Earnings of Private Sector Production & Nonsupervisory Workers, Unadjusted			
Average Weekly Earnings	$355.24	$364.00	$344.41
Average Weekly Hours	33.8	34.7	33.7
Average Hourly Earnings	$10.51	$10.49	$10.22

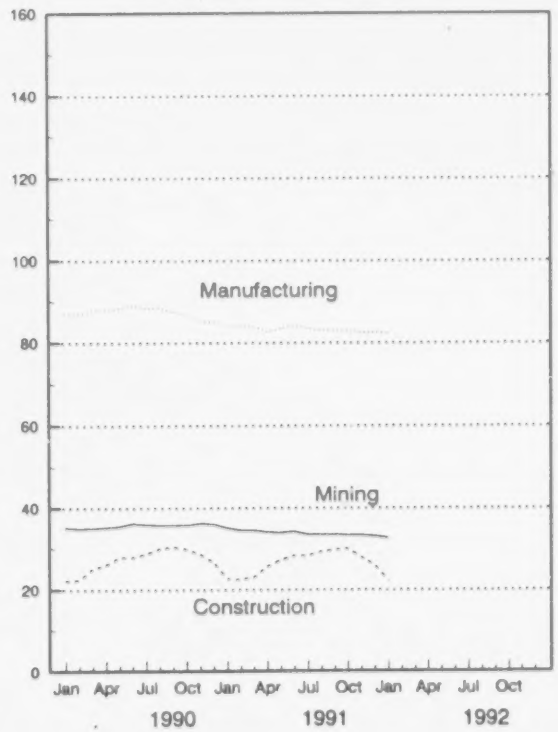
Trends in the West Virginia Labor Market

Total Employment, Unemployment and Civilian Labor Force



Goods Producing Employment

Employment in Thousands



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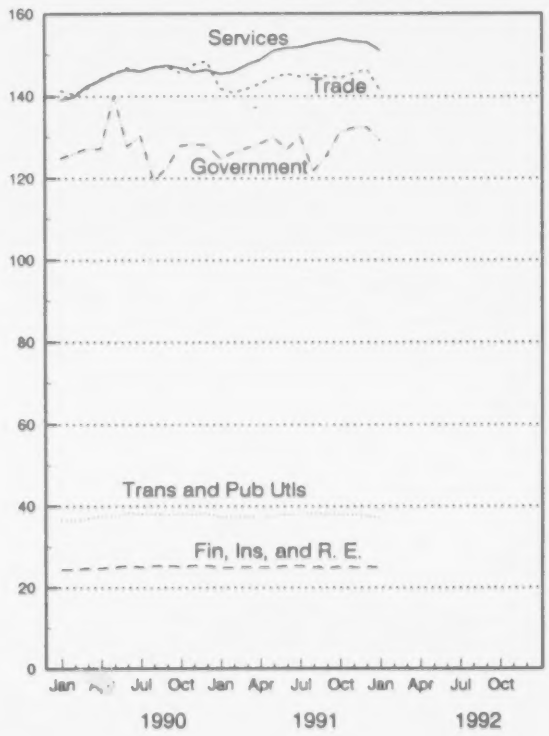


Statewide Nonfarm Payroll Employment by Industry

(In Thousands -- Not Seasonally Adjusted)

	Prelim. Jan.'92	Revised Dec.'91	Revised Jan.'91	Change From: Dec. 1991	Change From: Jan. 1991
TOTAL NONFARM PAYROLL	620.9	636.2	616.0	-15.3	4.9
PRIVATE SECTOR	491.7	503.9	491.3	-12.2	0.4
GOODS-PRODUCING	137.1	141.5	142.0	-4.4	-4.9
Mining	32.6	33.0	35.0	-0.4	-2.4
Coal Mining	27.4	27.5	29.6	-0.1	-2.2
Oil & Gas Extraction	4.3	4.5	4.5	-0.2	-0.2
Other Mining	0.9	1.0	0.9	-0.1	0.0
Construction	22.2	25.9	22.6	-3.7	-0.4
General Building Contractors	5.9	6.8	6.0	-0.9	-0.1
Heavy Construction	5.1	6.4	6.0	-1.3	-0.9
Special Trade Contractors	11.2	12.7	10.6	-1.5	0.6
Manufacturing	82.3	82.6	84.4	-0.3	-2.1
Durable Goods	45.0	45.2	47.3	-0.2	-2.3
Lumber, Wood Products & Furniture	7.8	7.8	7.6	0.0	0.2
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	7.0	7.1	7.4	-0.1	-0.4
Primary Metals Industries	13.1	13.3	13.6	-0.2	-0.5
Fabricated Metal Products	5.6	5.5	5.5	0.1	0.1
Industrial Machinery & Equipment	4.8	5.0	5.9	-0.2	-1.1
Electronic & Electrical Equipment	2.6	2.6	2.5	0.0	0.1
Transportation Equipment	1.8	1.7	2.4	0.1	-0.6
Other Durable Goods	2.3	2.2	2.4	0.1	-0.1
Nondurable Goods	37.3	37.4	37.1	-0.1	0.2
Food & Kindred Products	4.1	4.1	4.1	0.0	0.0
Textile Mill Products	0.9	0.9	0.7	0.0	0.2
Apparel & Other Textile Products	4.1	4.2	4.0	-0.1	0.1
Paper & Allied Products	1.0	1.1	1.1	-0.1	-0.1
Printing & Publishing	5.2	5.2	5.2	0.0	0.0
Chemicals & Allied Products	17.1	17.1	17.3	0.0	-0.2
Other Nondurable Goods	4.9	4.8	4.7	0.1	0.2
SERVICE-PRODUCING	483.8	494.7	474.0	-10.9	9.8
Transportation & Public Utilities	37.2	37.8	37.3	-0.6	-0.1
Railroad Transportation	3.6	3.7	3.9	-0.1	-0.3
Trucking & Warehousing	9.9	10.4	9.7	-0.5	0.2
Other Transportation	3.4	3.5	3.2	-0.1	0.2
Communications	8.0	8.0	8.2	0.0	-0.2
Electric, Gas & Sanitary Services	12.3	12.2	12.3	0.1	0.0
Trade	141.5	146.5	141.8	-5.0	-0.3
Wholesale Trade	29.9	30.0	29.9	-0.1	0.0
Retail Trade	111.6	116.5	111.9	-4.9	-0.3
Building Materials & Garden Supplies	4.5	4.7	4.4	-0.2	0.1
General Merchandise Stores	16.6	18.3	16.1	-1.7	0.5
Food Stores	22.5	22.8	22.1	-0.3	0.4
Automotive Dealers & Service Stations	14.3	14.3	14.3	0.0	0.0
Apparel & Accessory Stores	4.6	5.4	6.0	-0.8	-1.4
Home Furniture & Equipment Stores	4.1	4.3	4.3	-0.2	-0.2
Eating & Drinking Places	33.0	34.1	32.9	-1.1	0.1
Miscellaneous Retail	12.0	12.6	11.8	-0.6	0.2
Finance, Insurance, & Real Estate	24.8	25.1	24.8	-0.3	0.0
Finance	14.0	14.0	14.0	0.0	0.0
Insurance	6.7	6.8	6.9	-0.1	-0.2
Real Estate	4.1	4.3	3.9	-0.2	0.2
Services	151.1	153.0	145.4	-1.9	5.7
Agricultural Services	2.0	2.4	2.0	-0.4	0.0
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	7.9	7.9	7.9	0.0	0.0
Personal Services	6.6	6.0	6.6	0.6	0.0
Business Services	13.8	14.3	13.9	-0.5	-0.1
Automotive & Miscellaneous Repair Services	5.7	5.7	5.6	0.0	0.1
Amusements, incl. Motion Pictures	4.8	5.4	4.6	-0.6	0.2
Health Services	59.1	59.1	56.0	0.0	3.1
Nursing & Personal Care Homes	10.9	10.9	10.4	0.0	0.5
Hospitals	29.5	29.5	28.1	0.0	1.4
Other Health Services	18.7	18.7	17.5	0.0	1.2
Legal Services	4.1	4.2	3.9	-0.1	0.2
Educational Services	5.8	6.7	5.7	-0.9	0.1
Social Services	12.8	12.8	11.4	0.0	1.4
Membership Organizations	19.6	19.6	19.6	0.0	0.0
Engineering & Management Services	8.0	8.0	7.3	0.0	0.7
Government	129.2	132.3	124.7	-3.1	4.5
Federal	17.2	17.1	16.2	0.1	1.0
Hospitals	3.2	3.2	2.9	0.0	0.3
U S Postal Service	5.1	5.0	5.0	0.1	0.1
Other Federal	8.9	8.9	8.3	0.0	0.6
State	40.2	42.9	38.0	-2.7	2.2
Hospitals	2.5	2.5	2.4	0.0	0.1
Education	17.8	20.7	17.0	-2.9	0.8
Other State	19.9	19.7	18.6	0.2	1.3
Local	71.8	72.3	70.5	-0.5	1.3
Hospitals	5.0	4.9	4.9	0.1	0.1
Education	46.0	46.5	45.5	-0.5	0.5
Other Local	20.8	20.9	20.1	-0.1	0.7
Labor-Management Dispute Status	1.8	2.1	2.0	xx	xx

Women Workers
Statewide Nonfarm Payroll Employment by Industry

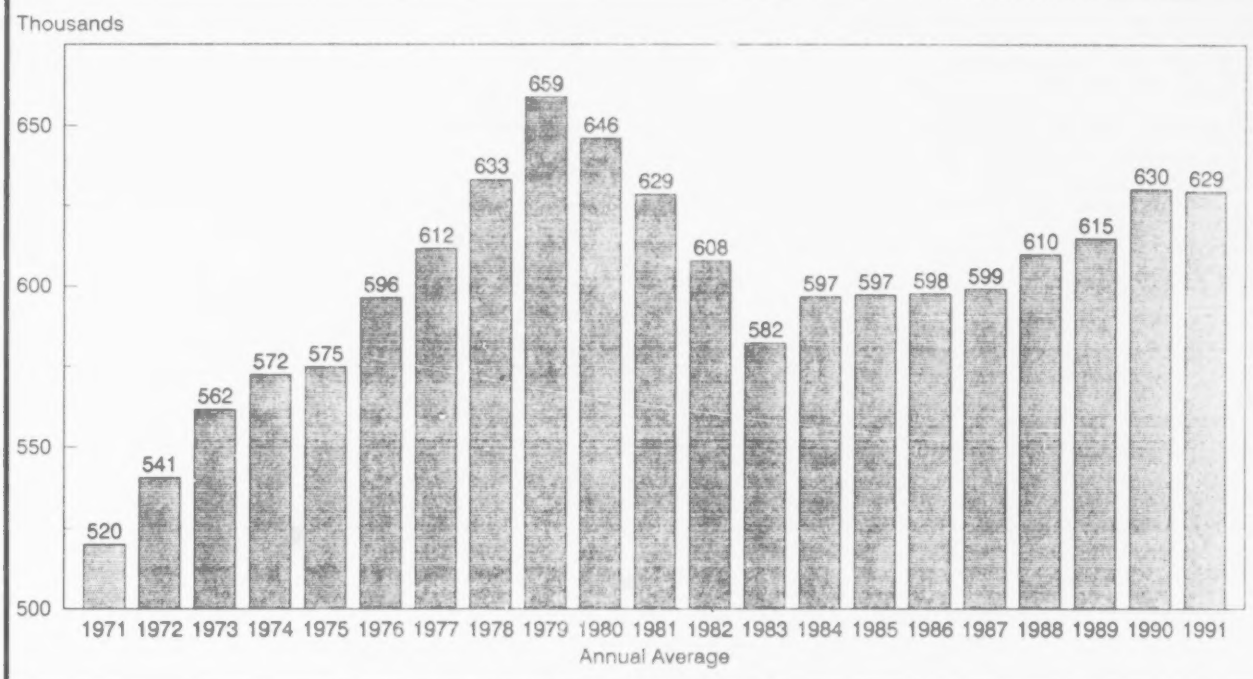
(In Thousands -- Not Seasonally Adjusted)

	Prelim. Jan. '92	*Revised Dec. '91*	*Revised Jan. '91*	*Change From: Dec. 1991*	*Jan. 1991*
TOTAL NONFARM PAYROLL	282.7	288.2	272.7	-5.5	10.0
PRIVATE SECTOR	213.4	217.4	208.4	-4.0	5.0
GOODS-PRODUCING	23.6	23.8	24.0	-0.2	-0.4
Mining	1.9	1.9	2.0	0.0	-0.1
Coal Mining	1.0	1.0	1.1	0.0	-0.1
Oil & Gas Extraction	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.0	0.0
Construction	2.1	2.2	2.1	-0.1	0.0
General Building Contractors	0.5	0.5	0.4	0.0	0.1
Heavy Construction	0.4	0.5	0.5	-0.1	-0.1
Special Trade Contractors	1.2	1.2	1.2	0.0	0.0
Manufacturing	19.6	19.7	19.9	-0.1	-0.3
Durable Goods	7.3	7.4	7.8	-0.1	-0.5
Lumber, Wood Products & Furniture	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.0	0.0
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	2.1	2.1	2.2	0.0	-0.1
Primary Metals Industries	1.0	1.1	1.1	-0.1	-0.1
Fabricated Metal Products	0.8	0.7	0.8	0.1	0.0
Industrial Machinery & Equipment	0.5	0.6	0.8	-0.1	-0.3
Electronic & Electrical Equipment	0.9	0.9	0.8	0.0	0.1
Transportation Equipment	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.0	0.0
Other Durable Goods	0.8	0.8	0.9	0.0	-0.1
Nondurable Goods	12.3	12.3	12.1	0.0	0.2
Food & Kindred Products	1.0	1.0	1.0	0.0	0.0
Textile Mill Products	0.6	0.6	0.5	0.0	0.1
Apparel & Other Textile Products	3.6	3.6	3.3	0.0	0.3
Paper & Allied Products	0.3	0.3	0.4	0.0	-0.1
Printing & Publishing	1.9	2.0	2.0	-0.1	-0.1
Chemicals & Allied Products	2.9	2.9	3.0	0.0	-0.1
Other Nondurable Goods	2.0	1.9	1.9	0.1	0.1
SERVICE-PRODUCING	259.1	264.4	248.7	-5.3	10.4
Transportation & Public Utilities	8.1	8.3	7.9	-0.2	0.2
Trucking & Warehousing	1.0	1.1	0.8	-0.1	0.2
Other Transportation	0.6	0.7	0.6	-0.1	0.0
Communications	3.8	3.8	3.7	0.0	0.1
Electric, Gas & Sanitary Services	2.4	2.4	2.4	0.0	0.0
Trade	67.3	70.2	66.1	-2.9	1.2
Wholesale Trade	6.0	6.2	5.6	-0.2	0.4
Retail Trade	61.3	64.0	60.5	-2.7	0.8
Building Materials & Garden Supplies	0.9	0.9	0.8	0.0	0.1
General Merchandise Stores	11.7	13.0	10.8	-1.3	0.9
Food Stores	12.1	12.2	11.4	-0.1	0.7
Automotive Dealers & Service Stations	3.6	3.5	3.3	0.1	0.3
Apparel & Accessory Stores	3.8	4.5	4.9	-0.7	-1.1
Home Furniture & Equipment Stores	1.4	1.5	1.5	-0.1	-0.1
Eating & Drinking Places	19.7	20.1	19.1	-0.4	0.6
Miscellaneous Retail	8.1	8.3	8.7	-0.2	-0.6
Finance, Insurance, & Real Estate	15.4	15.7	15.6	-0.3	-0.2
Finance	10.9	11.0	11.0	-0.1	-0.1
Insurance	3.1	3.2	3.1	-0.1	0.0
Real Estate	1.4	1.5	1.5	-0.1	-0.1
Services	99.0	99.4	94.8	-0.4	4.2
Agricultural Services	1.0	1.0	0.8	0.0	0.2
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	4.1	4.2	4.3	-0.1	-0.2
Personal Services	4.3	3.9	4.1	0.4	0.2
Business Services	7.3	7.3	7.2	0.0	0.1
Automotive & Miscellaneous Repair Services	1.0	1.0	1.0	0.0	0.0
Amusements, incl. Motion Pictures	2.4	2.6	2.2	-0.2	0.2
Health Services	48.7	48.6	46.0	0.1	2.7
Nursing & Personal Care Homes	9.8	9.8	9.2	0.0	0.6
Hospitals	24.4	24.3	23.2	0.1	1.2
Other Health Services	14.5	14.5	13.6	0.0	0.9
Legal Services	3.3	3.3	3.2	0.0	0.1
Educational Services	2.9	3.5	3.2	-0.6	-0.3
Social Services	9.1	9.2	8.2	-0.1	0.9
Membership Organizations	11.5	11.4	11.4	0.1	0.1
Engineering & Management Services	2.9	2.8	2.6	0.1	0.3
Government	69.3	70.8	64.3	-1.5	5.0
Federal	7.5	7.5	6.9	0.0	0.6
Hospitals	1.8	1.8	1.6	0.0	0.2
U S Postal Service	1.4	1.4	1.3	0.0	0.1
Other Federal	4.3	4.3	4.0	0.0	0.3
State	20.3	21.2	17.4	-0.9	2.9
Hospitals	1.8	1.7	1.7	0.1	0.1
Education	10.0	11.5	8.0	-1.5	2.0
Other State	8.5	8.0	7.7	0.5	0.8
Local	41.5	42.1	40.0	-0.6	1.5
Hospitals	4.1	4.1	4.1	0.0	0.0
Education	30.1	30.8	29.0	-0.7	1.1
Other Local	7.3	7.2	6.9	0.1	0.4

ANNUAL STATISTICAL SUPPLEMENT

WV Series Labor Force Data *(In Thousands)*	*1991*	*1990*	*1989*	*Change from: 1990*	*1989*
Civilian Labor Force	734.5	724.7	710.9	9.8	23.6
Total Employment	680.6	681.3	666.9	-0.7	13.7
Total Unemployment	53.9	43.5	44.0	10.4	9.9
Unemployment Rate	7.3	6.0	6.2	xx	xx
BLS Series Labor Force Data *(In Thousands)*					
Civilian Labor Force	783.0	772.0	767.0	11.0	16.0
Total Employment	701.0	708.0	701.0	-7.0	0.0
Total Unemployment	82.0	64.0	66.0	18.0	16.0
Unemployment Rate	10.5	8.3	8.6	xx	xx

Nonfarm Payroll Employment



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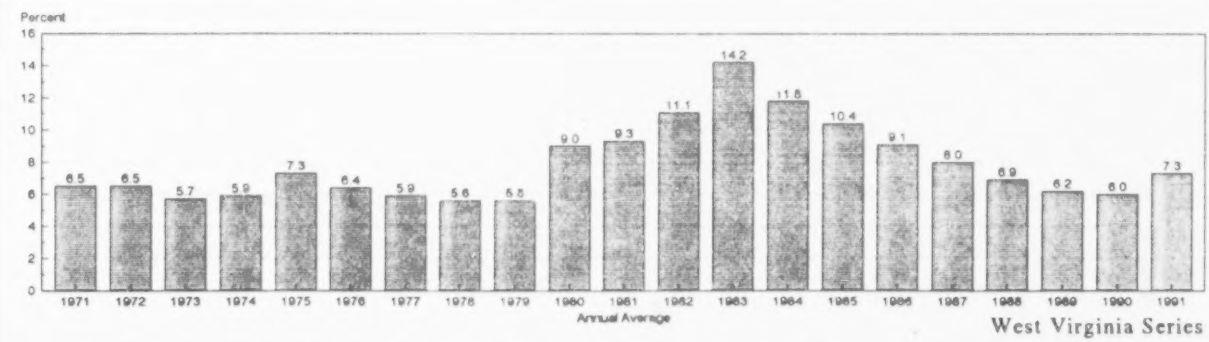

West Virginia Series

Statewide Nonfarm Payroll Employment by Industry

Annual Averages (In Thousands)

	1991	1990	1989	Change From: 1990	Change From: 1989
TOTAL NONFARM PAYROLL	629.3	630.1	614.7	-0.8	14.6
PRIVATE SECTOR	501.3	502.7	488.8	-1.4	12.5
GOODS-PRODUCING	144.0	150.3	145.7	-6.3	-1.7
Mining	33.8	35.6	33.3	-1.8	0.5
Coal Mining	28.3	29.9	27.8	-1.6	0.5
Oil & Gas Extraction	4.5	4.6	4.5	-0.1	0.0
Other Mining	1.0	1.1	1.1	-0.1	-0.1
Construction	26.7	27.2	24.6	-0.5	2.1
General Building Contractors	6.8	6.8	6.5	0.0	0.3
Heavy Construction	7.5	7.8	6.3	-0.3	1.2
Special Trade Contractors	12.4	12.6	11.8	-0.2	0.6
Manufacturing	83.4	87.5	87.8	-4.1	-4.4
Durable Goods	46.0	49.3	49.7	-3.3	-3.7
Lumber, Wood Products & Furniture	7.6	7.7	7.5	-0.1	0.1
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	7.3	7.7	8.0	-0.4	-0.7
Primary Metals Industries	13.5	14.7	15.1	-1.2	-1.6
Fabricated Metal Products	5.4	5.6	5.5	-0.2	-0.1
Industrial Machinery & Equipment	5.5	6.0	6.0	-0.5	-0.5
Electronic & Electrical Equipment	2.5	2.7	2.6	-0.2	-0.1
Transportation Equipment	2.0	2.4	2.6	-0.4	-0.6
Other Durable Goods	2.3	2.4	2.4	-0.1	-0.1
Nondurable Goods	37.4	38.2	38.1	-0.8	-0.7
Food & Kindred Products	4.0	4.2	4.0	-0.2	0.0
Textile Mill Products	0.9	0.9	0.9	0.0	0.0
Apparel & Other Textile Products	4.1	4.2	4.3	-0.1	-0.2
Paper & Allied Products	1.1	1.1	1.3	0.0	-0.2
Printing & Publishing	5.1	5.2	4.9	-0.1	0.2
Chemicals & Allied Products	17.4	17.9	17.9	-0.5	-0.5
Other Nondurable Goods	4.8	4.7	4.7	0.1	0.1
SERVICE-PRODUCING	485.4	479.8	469.0	5.6	16.4
Transportation & Public Utilities	37.8	37.7	36.6	0.1	1.2
Railroad Transportation	3.8	4.0	4.1	-0.2	-0.3
Trucking & Warehousing	10.0	9.7	9.0	0.3	1.0
Other Transportation	3.4	3.4	3.3	0.0	0.1
Communications	8.2	8.1	7.9	0.1	0.3
Electric, Gas & Sanitary Services	12.4	12.5	12.3	-0.1	0.1
Trade	144.0	145.1	144.8	-1.1	-0.8
Wholesale Trade	30.1	29.8	30.1	0.3	0.0
Retail Trade	113.9	115.3	114.7	-1.4	-0.8
Building Materials & Garden Supplies	4.8	4.8	5.0	0.0	-0.2
General Merchandise Stores	16.1	16.1	17.7	0.0	-1.6
Food Stores	22.4	22.5	22.3	-0.1	0.1
Automotive Dealers & Service Stations	14.4	14.8	14.8	-0.4	-0.4
Apparel & Accessory Stores	5.4	6.4	5.4	-1.0	0.0
Home Furniture & Equipment Stores	4.2	4.4	4.5	-0.2	-0.3
Eating & Drinking Places	34.5	34.7	34.0	-0.2	0.5
Miscellaneous Retail	11.9	11.5	11.0	0.4	0.9
Finance, Insurance, & Real Estate	25.0	24.9	24.1	0.1	0.9
Finance	14.0	14.1	13.8	-0.1	0.2
Insurance	6.8	6.7	6.3	0.1	0.5
Real Estate	4.1	4.1	4.0	0.0	0.1
Services	150.6	144.7	137.5	5.9	13.1
Agricultural Services	2.4	2.2	2.0	0.2	0.4
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	8.1	8.3	8.4	-0.2	-0.3
Personal Services	6.3	6.3	6.2	0.0	0.1
Business Services	14.2	14.0	13.0	0.2	1.2
Automotive & Miscellaneous Repair Services	5.7	6.0	5.7	-0.3	0.0
Amusements, incl. Motion Pictures	6.1	5.9	5.8	0.2	0.3
Health Services	57.9	55.1	52.6	2.8	5.3
Nursing & Personal Care Homes	10.7	10.1	9.5	0.6	1.2
Hospitals	28.9	27.7	26.9	1.2	2.0
Other Health Services	18.3	17.3	16.2	1.0	2.1
Legal Services	4.1	3.9	3.6	0.2	0.5
Educational Services	5.6	5.5	5.1	0.1	0.5
Social Services	12.2	9.4	8.1	2.8	4.1
Membership Organizations	19.6	19.5	19.4	0.1	0.2
Engineering & Management Services	7.7	8.0	7.2	-0.3	0.5
Government	128.0	127.4	125.9	0.6	2.1
Federal	16.9	17.2	16.6	-0.3	0.3
Hospitals	3.1	2.9	2.9	0.2	0.2
U S Postal Service	5.0	5.1	5.2	-0.1	-0.2
Other Federal	8.8	9.3	8.6	-0.5	0.2
State	40.0	38.9	38.8	1.1	1.2
Hospitals	2.5	2.8	3.1	-0.3	-0.6
Education	17.5	16.6	15.8	0.9	1.7
Other State	20.1	19.5	19.9	0.6	0.2
Local	71.1	71.3	70.5	-0.2	0.6
Hospitals	4.9	4.8	4.8	0.1	0.1
Education	44.9	44.8	45.6	0.1	-0.7
Other Local	21.3	21.7	20.2	-0.4	1.1

Women Workers
Statewide Nonfarm Payroll Employment by Industry

Annual Averages (In Thousands)

	1991	1990	1989	Change From: 1990	Change From: 1989
TOTAL NONFARM PAYROLL	280.3	271.1	253.6	9.2	26.7
PRIVATE SECTOR	212.8	206.1	192.3	6.7	20.5
GOODS-PRODUCING	23.9	24.5	23.5	-0.6	0.4
Mining	2.0	2.1	1.9	-0.1	0.1
Coal Mining	1.1	1.1	1.1	0.0	0.0
Oil & Gas Extraction	0.8	0.9	0.8	-0.1	0.0
Construction	2.2	2.2	1.7	0.0	0.5
General Building Contractors	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.0	0.0
Heavy Construction	0.5	0.5	0.3	0.0	0.2
Special Trade Contractors	1.3	1.2	1.0	0.1	0.3
Manufacturing	19.7	20.3	19.9	-0.6	-0.2
Durable Goods	7.5	7.9	7.9	-0.4	-0.4
Lumber, Wood Products & Furniture	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.0	0.0
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	2.2	2.3	2.3	-0.1	-0.1
Primary Metals Industries	1.1	1.2	1.1	-0.1	0.0
Fabricated Metal Products	0.8	0.8	0.9	0.0	-0.1
Industrial Machinery & Equipment	0.7	0.8	0.8	-0.1	-0.1
Electronic & Electrical Equipment	0.8	0.9	0.9	-0.1	-0.1
Transportation Equipment	0.3	0.4	0.4	-0.1	-0.1
Other Durable Goods	0.8	0.8	0.7	0.0	0.1
Nondurable Goods	12.2	12.3	12.0	-0.1	0.2
Food & Kindred Products	1.0	1.1	0.9	-0.1	0.1
Textile Mill Products	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.0	0.0
Apparel & Other Textile Products	3.4	3.5	3.4	-0.1	0.0
Paper & Allied Products	0.4	0.4	0.6	0.0	-0.2
Printing & Publishing	1.9	1.9	1.7	0.0	0.2
Chemicals & Allied Products	3.0	3.1	2.9	-0.1	0.1
Other Nondurable Goods	1.9	1.8	1.9	0.1	0.0
SERVICE-PRODUCING	256.4	246.6	230.1	9.8	26.3
Transportation & Public Utilities	8.1	8.0	7.7	0.1	0.4
Trucking & Warehousing	1.0	0.9	0.8	0.1	0.2
Other Transportation	0.7	0.6	0.6	0.1	0.1
Communications	3.7	3.6	3.7	0.1	0.0
Electric, Gas & Sanitary Services	2.4	2.4	2.3	0.0	0.1
Trade	67.5	65.9	60.0	1.6	7.5
Wholesale Trade	5.9	5.5	5.2	0.4	0.7
Retail Trade	61.6	60.4	54.8	1.2	6.8
Building Materials & Garden Supplies	0.9	0.9	0.7	0.0	0.2
General Merchandise Stores	11.1	10.4	10.3	0.7	0.8
Food Stores	11.8	11.1	9.9	0.7	1.9
Automotive Dealers & Service Stations	3.5	3.3	3.1	0.2	0.4
Apparel & Accessory Stores	4.6	5.3	4.2	-0.7	0.4
Home Furniture & Equipment Stores	1.5	1.5	1.5	0.0	0.0
Eating & Drinking Places	20.2	19.5	17.6	0.7	2.6
Miscellaneous Retail	8.1	8.5	7.5	-0.4	0.6
Finance, Insurance, & Real Estate	15.6	15.6	15.1	0.0	0.5
Finance	11.0	10.7	9.9	0.3	1.1
Insurance	3.1	3.2	3.4	-0.1	-0.3
Real Estate	1.5	1.7	1.9	-0.2	-0.4
Services	97.7	92.1	85.9	5.6	11.8
Agricultural Services	0.9	0.8	0.7	0.1	0.2
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	4.3	4.4	3.9	-0.1	0.4
Personal Services	4.1	3.6	3.1	0.5	1.0
Business Services	7.1	6.6	5.8	0.5	1.3
Automotive & Miscellaneous Repair Services	1.0	1.2	1.2	-0.2	-0.2
Amusements, incl. Motion Pictures	2.8	2.7	2.4	0.1	0.4
Health Services	47.6	45.1	42.5	2.5	5.1
Nursing & Personal Care Homes	9.5	8.5	7.1	1.0	2.4
Hospitals	23.9	22.9	22.0	1.0	1.9
Other Health Services	14.2	13.7	13.4	0.5	0.8
Legal Services	3.3	3.1	2.8	0.2	0.5
Educational Services	3.0	3.1	2.8	-0.1	0.2
Social Services	8.9	6.6	5.6	2.3	3.3
Membership Organizations	11.5	11.6	11.5	-0.1	0.0
Engineering & Management Services	2.7	3.0	3.0	-0.3	-0.3
Government	67.5	65.0	61.4	2.5	6.1
Federal	7.3	7.5	7.0	-0.2	0.3
Hospitals	1.7	1.6	1.6	0.1	0.1
U S Postal Service	1.4	1.3	1.3	0.1	0.1
Other Federal	4.2	4.6	4.1	-0.4	0.1
State	19.2	18.0	17.0	1.2	2.2
Hospitals	1.7	1.9	2.1	-0.2	-0.4
Education	9.2	8.2	6.8	1.0	2.4
Other State	8.3	7.8	8.1	0.5	0.2
Local	41.1	39.6	37.3	1.5	3.8
Hospitals	4.1	4.0	3.9	0.1	0.2
Education	29.6	28.1	26.9	1.5	2.7
Other Local	7.4	7.5	6.6	-0.1	0.8

Average Hours and Earnings, West Virginia
Production and Nonsupervisory Workers

ANNUAL AVERAGES

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	1991	*1990*	*1989*	*1991*	*1990*	*1989*	*1991*	*1990*	*1989*
TOTAL PRIVATE SECTOR	$360.44	$350.89	$330.53	35.9	36.1	35.2	$10.04	$9.72	$9.39
Mining	777.42	756.42	693.00	44.5	44.6	42.0	17.47	16.96	16.50
Coal Mining	830.14	807.73	741.03	44.8	44.7	42.2	18.53	18.07	17.56
Oil & Gas Extraction	464.34	424.16	373.18	42.6	44.0	39.7	10.90	9.64	9.40
Other Mining	498.40	486.18	450.41	44.5	44.4	43.9	11.20	10.95	10.26
Construction	533.65	499.90	493.12	38.2	37.9	37.7	13.97	13.19	13.08
Manufacturing	477.86	469.27	454.62	40.6	40.7	40.7	11.77	11.53	11.17
Durable Goods	482.21	474.29	452.08	40.9	41.1	40.4	11.79	11.54	11.19
Lumber, Wood Products & Furniture	298.28	289.38	277.69	40.2	40.7	39.5	7.42	7.11	7.03
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	453.94	444.17	434.56	39.2	39.8	40.2	11.58	11.16	10.81
Primary Metals Industries	635.15	628.58	582.89	42.8	43.5	42.3	14.84	14.45	13.78
Fabricated Metal Products	435.63	417.47	391.28	39.0	38.3	37.3	11.17	10.90	10.49
Industrial Machinery & Equipment	487.22	473.49	460.15	40.5	40.4	39.6	12.03	11.72	11.62
Electronic & Electrical Equipment	572.47	518.33	469.09	43.8	41.7	40.3	13.07	12.43	11.64
Transportation Equipment	510.67	501.70	503.02	44.6	41.6	42.2	11.45	12.06	11.92
Nondurable Goods	471.55	461.95	457.44	40.2	40.1	41.1	11.73	11.52	11.13
Food & Kindred Products	368.93	361.89	351.96	37.8	39.9	41.9	9.76	9.07	8.40
Textile Mill Products	261.03	242.95	255.94	38.5	36.7	38.2	6.78	6.62	6.70
Apparel & Other Textile Products	209.90	180.94	182.00	35.1	31.8	32.5	5.98	5.69	5.60
Paper & Allied Products	321.03	379.28	320.61	41.0	43.1	41.8	7.83	8.80	7.67
Printing & Publishing	347.60	361.14	391.02	36.9	39.0	42.0	9.42	9.26	9.31
Chemicals & Allied Products	718.95	693.79	682.38	44.6	43.8	44.6	16.12	15.84	15.30
Transportation & Public Utilities	510.41	504.68	481.58	41.7	40.7	38.9	12.24	12.40	12.38
Trucking & Warehousing	428.36	416.12	411.99	43.8	41.2	39.2	9.78	10.10	10.51
Communications	508.42	531.83	496.88	38.9	39.6	37.5	13.07	13.43	13.25
Electric, Gas & Sanitary Services	646.28	612.13	578.28	42.8	42.1	41.1	15.10	14.54	14.07
Trade	236.91	223.15	210.17	31.8	32.2	31.7	7.45	6.93	6.63
Wholesale Trade	453.91	412.29	395.40	40.6	40.5	39.5	11.18	10.18	10.01
Retail Trade	182.63	176.69	164.79	29.6	30.1	29.8	6.17	5.87	5.53
Building Materials & Garden Supplies	263.07	258.19	250.90	39.5	39.6	39.7	6.66	6.52	6.32
General Merchandise Stores	197.87	191.91	180.86	29.8	29.8	29.6	6.64	6.44	6.11
Food Stores	181.19	173.45	158.51	28.4	29.2	29.3	6.38	5.94	5.41
Automotive Dealers & Service Stations	274.85	279.75	264.42	36.5	37.5	37.4	7.53	7.46	7.07
Apparel & Accessory Stores	141.19	138.81	129.08	27.1	28.1	27.7	5.21	4.94	4.66
Home Furniture & Equipment Stores	290.91	265.39	246.13	36.5	34.2	32.3	7.97	7.76	7.62
Eating & Drinking Places	122.77	118.80	112.75	25.9	27.0	27.3	4.74	4.40	4.13
Miscellaneous Retail	192.46	169.07	133.92	30.5	28.9	24.8	6.31	5.85	5.40
Finance, Insurance, & Real Estate	309.04	300.12	284.25	36.4	36.6	35.8	8.49	8.20	7.94
Finance	253.83	244.87	233.48	35.7	35.8	34.9	7.11	6.84	6.69
Insurance	453.89	434.72	406.26	38.4	38.2	37.0	11.82	11.38	10.98
Real Estate	300.60	310.06	314.42	36.0	37.0	37.7	8.35	8.38	8.34
Services	280.84	269.84	252.45	34.0	34.2	33.0	8.26	7.89	7.65
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	256.00	239.97	225.77	32.0	31.7	31.4	8.00	7.57	7.19
Personal Services	218.71	224.11	221.92	33.7	33.4	34.3	6.49	6.71	6.47
Business Services	237.28	234.47	214.69	33.8	33.4	31.9	7.02	7.02	6.73
Automotive & Miscellaneous Repair Services	337.043	38.85	305.61	39.1	40.1	36.6	8.62	8.45	8.35
Amusements, incl. Motion Pictures	163.28	145.60	136.57	26.9	26.0	24.3	6.07	5.60	5.62
Health Services	321.26	294.28	276.00	36.8	35.8	34.5	8.73	8.22	8.00
Nursing & Personal Care Homes	193.69	181.26	173.38	34.1	34.2	33.6	5.68	5.30	5.16
Hospitals	384.68	337.98	313.29	38.7	37.1	35.4	9.94	9.11	8.85
Other Health Services	292.99	288.56	272.02	35.3	34.6	33.5	8.30	8.34	8.12
Legal Services	406.13	396.38	384.41	37.5	36.6	34.6	10.83	10.83	11.11
Social Services	184.16	195.60	186.76	29.8	33.9	32.2	6.18	5.77	5.80
Engineering & Management Services	409.55	385.67	371.42	36.6	37.7	37.9	11.19	10.23	9.80

West Virginia Labor Force Statistics by County

(WV Series Labor Force Data -- as calculated by the WV Bureau of Employment Programs)

Annual Averages 1991

THESE LABOR FORCE STATISTICS WERE DESIGNED TO BE USED FOR ECONOMIC ANALYSIS

County	*Civilian Labor Force*	*Employment*	*Unemployment*	*Unemployment As Percent of Civilian Labor Force*
Barbour	4,320	3,620	700	16.3
Berkeley	29,150	27,050	2,100	7.2
Boone	8,380	7,640	740	8.9
Braxton	5,320	4,610	710	13.3
Brooke	9,980	9,260	720	7.2
Cabell	43,170	40,620	2,550	5.9
Calhoun	2,820	2,390	430	15.1
Clay	3,120	2,730	390	12.4
Doddridge	2,330	2,200	130	5.6
Fayette	16,760	15,210	1,540	9.2
Gilmer	3,000	2,760	240	7.9
Grant	4,630	4,250	380	8.2
Greenbrier	15,390	14,040	1,340	8.7
Hampshire	7,030	6,340	690	9.8
Hancock	13,290	12,410	880	6.6
Hardy	5,670	5,290	380	6.6
Harrison	29,150	27,000	2,150	7.4
Jackson	9,300	8,500	800	8.6
Jefferson	18,010	16,720	1,290	7.2
Kanawha	97,810	92,720	5,080	5.2
Lewis	7,260	6,610	650	8.9
Lincoln	7,430	6,620	810	10.9
Logan	13,320	12,120	1,210	9.1
McDowell	6,720	5,700	1,020	15.2
Marion	22,060	20,370	1,690	7.7
Marshall	14,560	13,420	1,140	7.8
Mason	9,290	8,350	940	10.1
Mercer	26,260	24,550	1,710	6.5
Mineral	10,530	10,000	530	5.0
Mingo	11,230	10,330	910	8.1
Monongalia	39,550	38,130	1,420	3.6
Monroe	5,310	4,950	360	6.8
Morgan	5,100	4,730	370	7.2
Nicholas	8,790	7,740	1,040	11.9
Ohio	23,860	22,740	1,120	4.7
Pendleton	3,930	3,710	220	5.5
Pleasants	2,200	1,920	280	12.5
Pocahontas	4,610	4,120	490	10.5
Preston	12,760	11,880	880	6.9
Putnam	16,750	15,550	1,190	7.1
Raleigh	28,210	26,030	2,180	7.7
Randolph	11,610	10,420	1,200	10.3
Ritchie	5,200	4,720	490	9.3
Roane	4,870	4,250	620	12.7
Summers	4,270	3,890	380	8.9
Taylor	5,810	5,290	520	8.9
Tucker	3,770	3,460	310	8.3
Tyler	4,720	4,440	290	6.1
Upshur	8,310	7,330	980	11.8
Wayne	15,790	14,570	1,220	7.7
Webster	2,950	2,540	410	13.8
Wetzel	9,380	8,680	700	7.5
Wirt	1,960	1,680	280	14.0
Wood	40,850	38,340	2,510	6.1
Wyoming	6,720	6,050	670	10.0
Statewide	734,500	680,600	53,900	7.3

All data have been revised to March 1991 benchmark.
The West Virginia Bureau of Employment Programs and the U. S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics use different methodologies in calculating the unemployment rate.

West Virginia Labor Force Statistics by County

(BLS Series Labor Force Data – Using US Bureau of Labor Statistics Methodology)

Annual Averages 1991

APPROVED BY THE U.S. BUREAU OF LABOR STATISTICS TO ALLOCATE FEDERAL FUNDS AND DETERMINE ELIGIBILITY FOR FEDERAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS

County	*Civilian Labor Force*	*Employment*	*Unemployment*	*Unemployment As Percent of Civilian Labor Force*
Barbour	4,800	3,730	1,070	22.4
Berkeley	31,030	27,860	3,170	10.2
Boone	9,010	7,870	1,140	12.7
Braxton	5,830	4,750	1,080	18.5
Brooke	10,630	9,540	1,090	10.2
Cabell	45,750	41,840	3,910	8.5
Calhoun	3,100	2,460	640	20.7
Clay	3,410	2,820	590	17.3
Doddridge	2,470	2,270	200	8.1
Fayette	18,020	15,670	2,350	13.1
Gilmer	3,200	2,840	350	11.1
Grant	4,950	4,370	570	11.6
Greenbrier	16,500	14,470	2,030	12.3
Hampshire	7,570	6,530	1,040	13.7
Hancock	14,120	12,780	1,340	9.5
Hardy	6,020	5,450	570	9.4
Harrison	31,070	27,810	3,260	10.5
Jackson	9,970	8,750	1,210	12.2
Jefferson	19,190	17,230	1,970	10.2
Kanawha	103,230	95,510	7,720	7.5
Lewis	7,780	6,810	980	12.6
Lincoln	8,040	6,820	1,220	15.2
Logan	14,330	12,480	1,850	12.9
McDowell	7,430	5,870	1,560	21.0
Marion	23,560	20,980	2,590	11.0
Marshall	15,540	13,820	1,720	11.1
Mason	10,020	8,600	1,430	14.2
Mercer	27,890	25,290	2,610	9.3
Mineral	11,110	10,300	810	7.3
Mingo	12,020	10,630	1,390	11.5
Monongalia	41,440	39,260	2,180	5.2
Monroe	5,650	5,100	550	9.8
Morgan	5,430	4,870	560	10.3
Nicholas	9,570	7,980	1,600	16.7
Ohio	25,120	23,420	1,700	6.8
Pendleton	4,140	3,820	320	7.7
Pleasants	2,390	1,980	420	17.4
Pocahontas	4,980	4,250	740	14.8
Preston	13,560	12,230	1,330	9.8
Putnam	17,840	16,020	1,810	10.2
Raleigh	30,130	26,810	3,320	11.0
Randolph	12,540	10,730	1,810	14.4
Ritchie	5,590	4,860	730	13.1
Roane	5,310	4,380	930	17.5
Summers	4,580	4,010	570	12.5
Taylor	6,240	5,450	790	12.7
Tucker	4,040	3,560	480	11.8
Tyler	5,000	4,570	430	8.7
Upshur	9,040	7,550	1,490	16.5
Wayne	16,870	15,010	1,860	11.0
Webster	3,240	2,620	620	19.2
Wetzel	9,990	8,940	1,060	10.6
Wirt	2,150	1,740	420	19.4
Wood	43,310	39,490	3,810	8.8
Wyoming	7,260	6,230	1,030	14.2
Statewide	783,000	701,000	82,000	10.5

All data have been revised to March 1991 benchmark.
Calculated according to Current Population Survey adjusted to BLS procedures.

SPECIAL REPORT: The Geography of the Recession Revisited

In the July 1991 issue of ***Economic Summary*** we published an article entitled "The Geography of the Recession," a look at gains and losses in nonfarm payroll employment by state from July 1990 to July 1991. The figures used in that article were, at the time, the latest available.

Current nonfarm payroll employment figures are based on a voluntary sample of employers. Each year, the original sample-based estimates are replaced by much more reliable and complete figures which nearly all employers submit with their quarterly unemployment compensation contributions. Often the revisions are minor, but this year many states reported major revisions, usually downward. The changes were significant enough to call into question some of the conclusions reached in the July 1991 article, so a fresh look at the same question seemed in order.

The map illustrates a year of change in nonfarm payroll employment, using annual average figures for 1990 and 1991. The parameters are the same ones employed in the prior article. States with only minor job gains or losses (plus or minus one-half of one percent) are unshaded. Gray states suffered significant losses of one-half to two percent, while

Gains and Losses in Nonfarm Payroll Employment
1990 to 1991

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states shaded black endured serious losses in excess of two percent. Diagonal lines indicate modest expansion, while crosshatching is reserved for states with strong job growth in excess of two percent.

The small map is a miniature of the one published last July. Note that the differences between the two maps are largely due to the data revision, rather than further economic deterioration since July. A comparison of identical months near the middle of two consecutive years should yield roughly the same results as a comparison of annual averages.

For many states the revised figures reveal more serious job losses than the preliminary numbers indicated. Maryland, Virginia, Missouri, and California* have joined the ranks of states with serious losses of more than two percent. South Carolina, Ohio, Indiana, and Illinois, ranked as little changed in the earlier article, now show significant losses. A number of Western states show slower growth, while a few did better than originally thought. The parameters used in shading the map do not properly convey the seriousness of the recession in the Northeast. New York, New Jersey, and most of the New England states reported annual payroll employment losses of four percent or more, representing about 800,000 jobs.

The earlier article explained West Virginia's comparative immunity from recessionary job loss by pointing to our economic links with the Midwest, which also seemed relatively unaffected at that time. This argument makes less sense in light of the job losses now reported in Ohio, Indiana, and Illinois. Among the nearby states, only Kentucky exhibits a pattern similar to West Virginia's: a loss so small as to be statistically insignificant.

State	*1991 Employment*	*Change Since 1990 Number*	*Percent*
Pennsylvania	*5,077,400*	*-92,700*	*-1.8*
Maryland	*2,096,600*	*-74,600*	*-3.4*
District of Columbia	*676,900*	*-9,200*	*-1.3*
Virginia	*2,830,500*	*-65,800*	*-2.3*
North Carolina	*3,070,100*	*-47,600*	*-1.5*
Kentucky	*1,470,000*	*-500*	*0.0*
Ohio	*4,811,200*	*-71,200*	*-1.5*
WEST VIRGINIA	*629,300*	*-800*	*-0.1*

Among the listed states, the five which actually touch our borders report combined losses of almost 305,000 jobs, or 1.8 percent. If West Virginia had matched the average experience of these five states, we would have lost nearly 12,000 jobs in the past year, not 800.

While West Virginia has so far avoided job losses of the magnitude reported by nearby states, this does not mean we have not been hurt by the recession. Unemployment is up significantly from 1990, when it reached its lowest level since 1979. For several years the state had been adding nonfarm payroll jobs at a rate of more than 10,000 per year, a total of over 31,000 from 1987 to 1990. This encouraging trend ended in 1991, with what we hope will prove only a temporary pause. The shift in employment from goods-producing to service-producing industries continued during 1991, as the recession eroded manufacturing and mining jobs. But compared to the devastating recessions of the early 1980s--which cost West Virginia more than 76,000 jobs between 1979 and 1983--the current downturn has not been too hard on us.

**Based on the best available information; final figures for California were not available as this was written.*

Average Hours and Earnings, West Virginia
Production and Nonsupervisory Workers

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Jan. '92	*Dec. '91*	*Jan. '91*	*Jan. '92*	*Dec. '91*	*Jan. '91*	*Jan. '92*	*Dec. '91*	*Jan. '91*
TOTAL PRIVATE SECTOR	$361.08	$363.01	$353.58	35.4	35.8	35.5	$10.20	$10.14	$9.96
Mining	827.42	780.55	797.28	47.2	44.4	45.3	17.53	17.58	17.60
Coal Mining	887.59	833.73	853.30	47.9	44.8	46.0	18.53	18.61	18.55
Oil & Gas Extraction	492.94	487.63	416.80	43.7	42.7	40.0	11.28	11.42	10.42
Other Mining	448.32	454.21	545.34	43.4	40.7	44.7	10.33	11.16	12.20
Construction	486.46	512.92	454.13	35.2	36.3	34.3	13.82	14.13	13.24
Manufacturing	487.20	492.44	472.64	40.6	40.9	40.5	12.00	12.04	11.67
Durable Goods	498.93	494.81	482.26	41.2	41.2	40.8	12.11	12.01	11.82
Lumber, Wood Products & Furniture	307.28	312.26	286.63	39.7	40.5	40.2	7.74	7.71	7.13
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	473.11	468.38	441.54	39.1	40.8	38.8	12.10	11.48	11.38
Primary Metals Industries	665.03	644.65	669.47	43.1	42.3	43.5	15.43	15.24	15.39
Fabricated Metal Products	463.57	451.19	454.82	40.7	39.2	40.5	11.39	11.51	11.23
Industrial Machinery & Equipment	496.51	509.22	431.63	41.0	41.0	37.5	12.11	12.42	11.51
Electronic & Electrical Equipment	529.05	549.05	548.21	41.3	42.3	42.3	12.81	12.98	12.96
Transportation Equipment	558.41	552.94	502.11	48.6	44.7	44.2	11.49	12.37	11.36
Nondurable Goods	472.03	489.65	458.40	39.8	40.5	40.0	11.86	12.09	11.46
Food & Kindred Products	381.40	368.02	348.12	38.8	37.4	36.3	9.83	9.84	9.59
Textile Mill Products	284.28	264.52	213.83	41.5	38.9	31.4	6.85	6.80	6.81
Apparel & Other Textile Products	224.92	223.02	211.34	37.3	36.5	35.4	6.03	6.11	5.97
Paper & Allied Products	345.08	388.48	272.61	38.6	43.6	39.0	8.94	8.91	6.99
Printing & Publishing	338.98	342.96	357.58	35.2	35.8	38.0	9.63	9.58	9.41
Chemicals & Allied Products	721.39	767.61	691.24	43.8	45.8	44.0	16.47	16.76	15.71
Transportation & Public Utilities	498.97	501.42	508.38	40.6	41.1	41.5	12.29	12.20	12.25
Trucking & Warehousing	405.23	414.99	416.77	42.3	43.5	40.9	9.58	9.54	10.19
Communications	504.30	489.66	530.04	37.3	36.9	42.1	13.52	13.27	12.59
Electric, Gas & Sanitary Services	642.96	661.59	623.48	42.3	43.1	42.5	15.20	15.35	14.67
Trade	237.00	244.30	225.34	30.9	32.4	30.7	7.67	7.54	7.34
Wholesale Trade	462.67	470.83	429.72	40.8	40.8	39.9	11.34	11.54	10.77
Retail Trade	180.06	189.70	173.24	28.4	30.4	28.4	6.34	6.24	6.10
Building Materials & Garden Supplies	252.88	257.24	261.71	38.2	38.8	38.6	6.62	6.63	6.78
General Merchandise Stores	194.32	225.79	177.02	28.0	33.6	26.7	6.94	6.72	6.63
Food Stores	178.62	182.74	173.96	26.9	28.2	27.7	6.64	6.48	6.28
Automotive Dealers & Service Stations	264.48	268.11	267.16	35.5	35.7	36.2	7.45	7.51	7.38
Apparel & Accessory Stores	134.41	146.15	132.07	26.2	28.6	25.3	5.13	5.11	5.22
Home Furniture & Equipment Stores	283.73	313.24	293.20	36.8	39.6	35.8	7.71	7.91	8.19
Eating & Drinking Places	119.81	121.67	112.10	24.5	25.4	24.8	4.89	4.79	4.52
Miscellaneous Retail	199.13	205.36	184.49	29.9	32.7	29.1	6.66	6.28	6.34
Finance, Insurance, & Real Estate	305.34	316.85	304.20	36.7	36.8	36.0	8.32	8.61	8.45
Finance	254.14	267.55	246.05	36.1	36.5	35.0	7.04	7.33	7.03
Insurance	445.06	454.32	452.35	38.6	38.6	38.4	11.53	11.77	11.78
Real Estate	286.10	295.11	299.52	36.4	35.3	36.0	7.86	8.36	8.32
Services	285.94	287.12	276.89	33.6	33.7	34.1	8.51	8.52	8.12
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	208.81	225.45	261.44	26.6	29.9	34.4	7.85	7.54	7.60
Personal Services	213.53	238.86	205.88	32.8	33.5	33.1	6.51	7.13	6.22
Business Services	238.19	251.67	241.03	33.5	35.1	33.9	7.11	7.17	7.11
Automotive & Miscellaneous Repair Services	347.85	343.94	330.33	39.8	39.9	39.0	8.74	8.62	8.47
Amusements, incl. Motion Pictures	166.92	180.09	143.35	26.0	27.0	23.5	6.42	6.67	6.10
Health Services	330.41	329.77	310.49	37.0	36.6	36.4	8.93	9.01	8.53
Nursing & Personal Care Homes	196.35	198.24	191.45	33.0	33.6	35.0	5.95	5.90	5.47
Hospitals	402.04	396.15	366.82	39.3	38.8	37.7	10.23	10.21	9.73
Other Health Services	290.04	300.30	287.00	35.5	35.0	35.0	8.17	8.58	8.20
Legal Services	396.13	423.17	395.30	37.3	38.4	37.9	10.62	11.02	10.43
Social Services	195.84	183.38	191.85	29.1	29.2	31.4	6.73	6.28	6.11
Engineering & Management Services	447.06	444.44	380.16	37.1	36.4	36.0	12.05	12.21	10.56

County Emphasis

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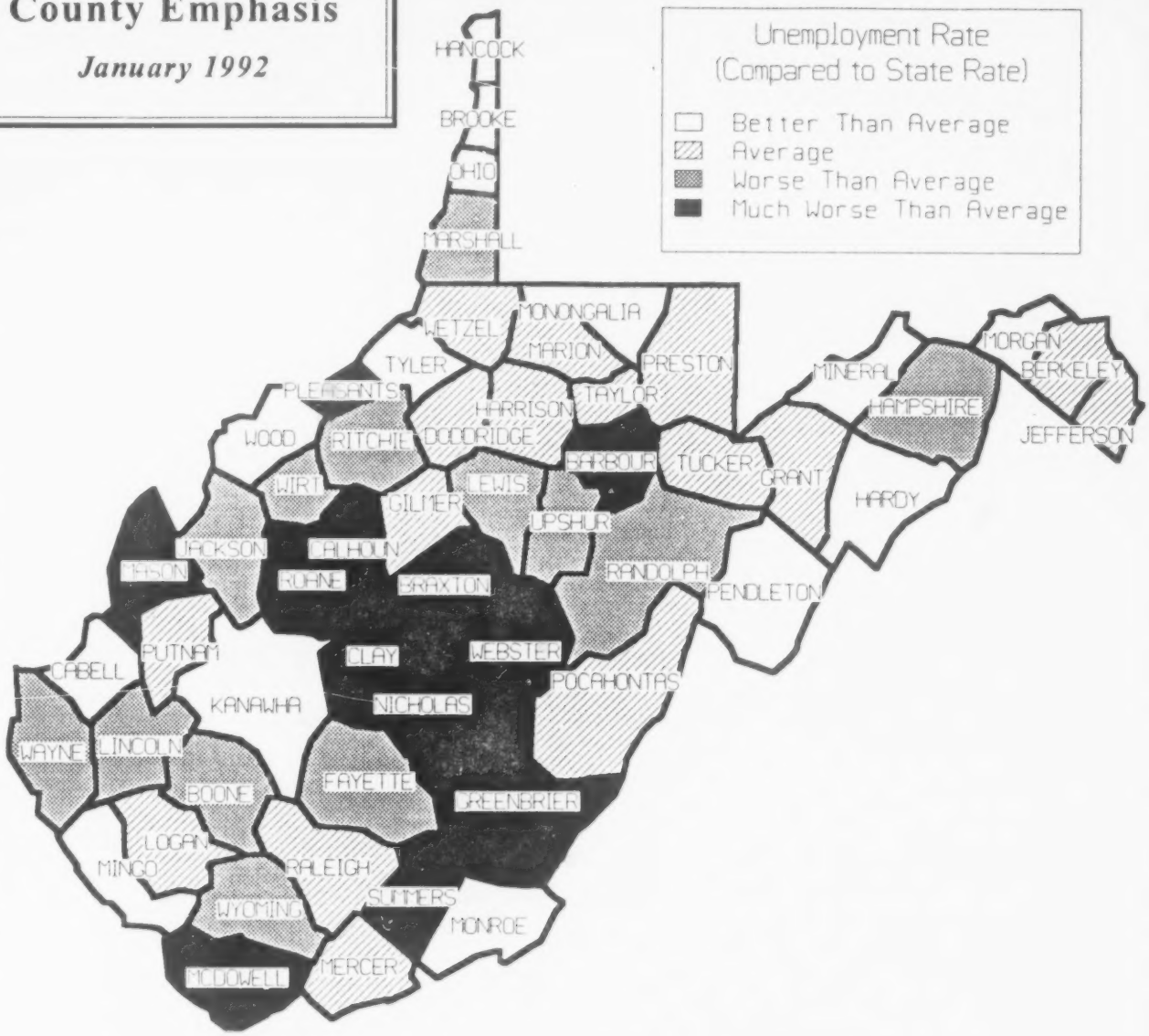

Labor market conditions in most West Virginia counties deteriorated during January 1992, due primarily to seasonal factors. These factors include decreased construction site work due to adverse weather conditions, reduced levels of tourism, student workers at state colleges, and the expected post-Christmas seasonal downturn in retail trade activity. As a result, 44 of the 55 counties experienced an increase in their unemployment rate during January 1992. Eleven counties produced rates considered much worse than average, including Barbour (18.9%), Calhoun (18.9%), Braxton (18.2%), Roane (17.0%), Clay (16.7%), Nicholas (15.9%), McDowell (14.7%), Webster (14.6%), Pleasants (14.2%), Mason (14.1%) and Summers (14.1%). Surprisingly among this group, the unemployment rate for Webster County actually declined slightly from 14.7 percent to 14.6 percent. Fourteen counties experienced unemployment rates considered as better than average. The majority of counties in this particular group either border Virginia and Maryland or are part of a metropolitan statistical area. These counties include Monongalia (4.4%), Pendleton (4.9%), Ohio (6.3%), Hancock (6.4%), Kanawha (6.6%), Hardy (6.6%), Mineral (6.7%), Brooke (6.8%), Wood (7.1%), Mingo (7.1%), Morgan (7.3%), Tyler (7.4%), Monroe (7.7%) and Cabell (7.7%)

West Virginia Labor Force Statistics by County

(WV Series Labor Force Data -- as calculated by the WV Bureau of Employment Programs)

January 1992

(Revised December 1991 in parentheses)

THESE LABOR FORCE STATISTICS WERE DESIGNED TO BE USED FOR ECONOMIC ANALYSIS

County	*Civilian Labor Force*		*Employment*		*Unemployment*		*Unemployment As Percent of Civilian Labor Force*	
Barbour	4,340	(4,560)	3,520	(3,750)	820	(810)	18.9	(17.8)
Berkeley	29,830	(30,460)	27,380	(28,090)	2,460	(2,360)	8.2	(7.8)
Boone	8,470	(8,340)	7,580	(7,570)	890	(770)	10.5	(9.2)
Braxton	5,320	(5,330)	4,350	(4,430)	970	(890)	18.2	(16.8)
Brooke	9,370	(9,680)	8,730	(8,940)	640	(740)	6.8	(7.6)
Cabell	43,000	(43,650)	39,690	(40,610)	3,310	(3,040)	7.7	(7.0)
Calhoun	2,790	(2,860)	2,260	(2,400)	530	(460)	18.9	(16.0)
Clay	3,130	(3,100)	2,610	(2,700)	520	(400)	16.7	(12.9)
Doddridge	2,400	(2,330)	2,200	(2,220)	210	(110)	8.5	(4.9)
Fayette	17,370	(17,120)	15,220	(15,470)	2,150	(1,650)	12.4	(9.6)
Gilmer	2,870	(3,010)	2,610	(2,730)	260	(280)	9.0	(9.3)
Grant	4,660	(4,860)	4,230	(4,300)	430	(550)	9.3	(11.4)
Greenbrier	15,320	(15,250)	13,270	(13,670)	2,050	(1,580)	13.4	(10.4)
Hampshire	6,840	(7,050)	6,080	(6,310)	750	(750)	11.0	(10.6)
Hancock	12,490	(12,800)	11,690	(11,980)	800	(830)	6.4	(6.4)
Hardy	5,570	(6,360)	5,200	(5,320)	370	(1,040)	6.6	(16.4)
Harrison	29,470	(29,570)	26,910	(27,150)	2,570	(2,420)	8.7	(8.2)
Jackson	9,310	(9,460)	8,130	(8,570)	1,180	(890)	12.7	(9.4)
Jefferson	17,060	(17,800)	15,390	(16,410)	1,670	(1,400)	9.8	(7.8)
Kanawha	96,870	(98,340)	90,490	(92,900)	6,380	(5,440)	6.6	(5.5)
Lewis	7,230	(7,490)	6,480	(6,530)	760	(960)	10.5	(12.8)
Lincoln	7,580	(7,560)	6,650	(6,760)	940	(800)	12.3	(10.6)
Logan	13,050	(13,020)	11,760	(11,910)	1,290	(1,110)	9.9	(8.5)
McDowell	6,590	(6,630)	5,620	(5,690)	970	(940)	14.7	(14.2)
Marion	22,270	(22,720)	20,230	(20,870)	2,040	(1,850)	9.1	(8.2)
Marshall	14,460	(14,790)	12,980	(13,470)	1,480	(1,320)	10.2	(8.9)
Mason	9,420	(9,380)	8,090	(8,230)	1,330	(1,150)	14.1	(12.3)
Mercer	26,270	(26,490)	24,160	(24,640)	2,120	(1,850)	8.1	(7.0)
Mineral	10,330	(10,660)	9,640	(10,060)	690	(600)	6.7	(5.6)
Mingo	11,350	(11,440)	10,550	(10,650)	800	(790)	7.1	(6.9)
Monongalia	40,700	(41,670)	38,930	(40,010)	1,770	(1,670)	4.4	(4.0)
Monroe	5,070	(5,110)	4,670	(4,820)	390	(290)	7.7	(5.7)
Morgan	5,080	(5,200)	4,710	(4,850)	370	(340)	7.3	(6.6)
Nicholas	8,940	(9,020)	7,520	(7,780)	1,430	(1,240)	15.9	(13.7)
Ohio	23,480	(23,960)	22,000	(22,820)	1,480	(1,140)	6.3	(4.7)
Pendleton	3,850	(3,920)	3,660	(3,740)	190	(180)	4.9	(4.6)
Pleasants	2,120	(2,120)	1,820	(1,870)	300	(250)	14.2	(11.6)
Pocahontas	5,240	(5,040)	4,750	(4,510)	490	(520)	9.3	(10.4)
Preston	13,250	(13,400)	12,130	(12,460)	1,120	(940)	8.4	(7.0)
Putnam	16,760	(16,890)	15,180	(15,580)	1,580	(1,300)	9.4	(7.7)
Raleigh	27,890	(28,150)	25,280	(25,850)	2,610	(2,300)	9.3	(8.2)
Randolph	11,760	(12,200)	10,460	(10,750)	1,300	(1,450)	11.1	(11.9)
Ritchie	5,240	(5,400)	4,640	(4,790)	600	(610)	11.4	(11.3)
Roane	5,050	(4,880)	4,190	(4,270)	860	(610)	17.0	(12.5)
Summers	4,160	(4,290)	3,570	(3,810)	580	(470)	14.1	(11.0)
Taylor	5,840	(5,860)	5,270	(5,320)	570	(540)	9.7	(9.2)
Tucker	3,900	(3,980)	3,540	(3,610)	360	(370)	9.1	(9.4)
Tyler	4,670	(4,750)	4,320	(4,420)	350	(330)	7.4	(6.9)
Upshur	8,100	(8,520)	7,120	(7,410)	980	(1,110)	12.1	(13.0)
Wayne	15,940	(15,910)	14,240	(14,570)	1,700	(1,340)	10.6	(8.4)
Webster	2,890	(2,990)	2,460	(2,550)	420	(440)	14.6	(14.7)
Wetzel	9,230	(9,360)	8,450	(8,650)	780	(710)	8.4	(7.6)
Wirt	2,000	(1,930)	1,750	(1,670)	250	(260)	12.5	(13.6)
Wood	40,390	(41,260)	37,530	(38,580)	2,860	(2,680)	7.1	(6.5)
Wyoming	6,740	(6,660)	5,970	(6,010)	780	(650)	11.5	(9.7)
Statewide	733,300	(744,500)	667,800	(685,000)	65,400	(59,500)	8.9	(8.0)

All data have been revised to March 1991 benchmark.
The West Virginia Bureau of Employment Programs and the U. S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics use different methodologies in calculating the unemployment rate.

West Virginia Labor Force Statistics by County

(BLS Series Labor Force Data -- using US Bureau of Labor Statistics Methodology)

January 1992

(Revised December 1991 in parentheses)

APPROVED BY THE U.S. BUREAU OF LABOR STATISTICS TO ALLOCATE FEDERAL FUNDS AND DETERMINE ELIGIBILITY FOR FEDERAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS

County	*Civilian Labor Force*		*Employment*		*Unemployment*		*Unemployment As Percent of Civilian Labor Force*	
Barbour	4,960	(5,020)	3,590	(3,820)	1,380	(1,200)	27.7	(23.9)
Berkeley	32,000	(32,130)	27,880	(28,640)	4,120	(3,490)	12.9	(10.9)
Boone	9,210	(8,860)	7,720	(7,720)	1,500	(1,130)	16.2	(12.8)
Braxton	6,060	(5,840)	4,430	(4,520)	1,630	(1,320)	26.9	(22.6)
Brooke	9,960	(10,200)	8,890	(9,110)	1,070	(1,090)	10.8	(10.6)
Cabell	45,970	(45,890)	40,430	(41,390)	5,540	(4,500)	12.1	(9.8)
Calhoun	3,190	(3,120)	2,310	(2,450)	880	(680)	27.7	(21.6)
Clay	3,530	(3,350)	2,650	(2,750)	880	(590)	24.8	(17.7)
Doddridge	2,580	(2,430)	2,240	(2,260)	340	(170)	13.3	(6.9)
Fayette	19,110	(18,200)	15,500	(15,770)	3,600	(2,430)	18.9	(13.4)
Gilmer	3,090	(3,200)	2,660	(2,780)	430	(420)	14.0	(13.0)
Grant	5,030	(5,200)	4,300	(4,390)	720	(820)	14.4	(15.7)
Greenbrier	16,950	(16,270)	13,510	(13,940)	3,440	(2,340)	20.3	(14.4)
Hampshire	7,460	(7,530)	6,200	(6,430)	1,260	(1,100)	16.9	(14.6)
Hancock	13,240	(13,430)	11,910	(12,210)	1,330	(1,220)	10.1	(9.1)
Hardy	5,910	(6,970)	5,300	(5,420)	610	(1,540)	10.4	(22.1)
Harrison	31,710	(31,260)	27,400	(27,680)	4,300	(3,580)	13.6	(11.5)
Jackson	10,250	(10,050)	8,280	(8,740)	1,970	(1,310)	19.3	(13.0)
Jefferson	18,470	(18,790)	15,670	(16,730)	2,800	(2,060)	15.2	(11.0)
Kanawha	102,860	(102,740)	92,170	(94,700)	10,690	(8,040)	10.4	(7.8)
Lewis	7,860	(8,080)	6,600	(6,660)	1,270	(1,410)	16.1	(17.5)
Lincoln	8,330	(8,070)	6,770	(6,890)	1,570	(1,180)	18.8	(14.6)
Logan	14,140	(13,780)	11,980	(12,140)	2,160	(1,640)	15.3	(11.9)
McDowell	7,350	(7,190)	5,730	(5,800)	1,620	(1,390)	22.1	(19.3)
Marion	24,020	(24,010)	20,600	(21,270)	3,410	(2,740)	14.2	(11.4)
Marshall	15,700	(15,680)	13,220	(13,730)	2,480	(1,950)	15.8	(12.4)
Mason	10,460	(10,090)	8,240	(8,390)	2,230	(1,700)	21.3	(16.8)
Mercer	28,150	(27,860)	24,600	(25,120)	3,550	(2,730)	12.6	(9.8)
Mineral	10,980	(11,140)	9,820	(10,260)	1,160	(880)	10.6	(7.9)
Mingo	12,090	(12,020)	10,740	(10,860)	1,340	(1,160)	11.1	(9.7)
Monongalia	42,620	(43,240)	39,650	(40,780)	2,970	(2,460)	7.0	(5.7)
Monroe	5,420	(5,340)	4,760	(4,910)	660	(430)	12.1	(8.1)
Morgan	5,420	(5,450)	4,800	(4,950)	620	(510)	11.4	(9.3)
Nicholas	10,040	(9,760)	7,650	(7,930)	2,390	(1,830)	23.8	(18.7)
Ohio	24,880	(24,940)	22,410	(23,260)	2,480	(1,680)	10.0	(6.7)
Pendleton	4,050	(4,080)	3,730	(3,810)	320	(270)	7.8	(6.6)
Pleasants	2,360	(2,270)	1,850	(1,910)	500	(360)	21.3	(15.9)
Pocahontas	5,650	(5,370)	4,840	(4,600)	820	(770)	14.4	(14.4)
Preston	14,230	(14,090)	12,350	(12,710)	1,880	(1,380)	13.2	(9.8)
Putnam	18,110	(17,810)	15,460	(15,890)	2,650	(1,920)	14.6	(10.8)
Raleigh	30,120	(29,740)	25,750	(26,350)	4,370	(3,390)	14.5	(11.4)
Randolph	12,840	(13,100)	10,660	(10,950)	2,180	(2,140)	17.0	(16.4)
Ritchie	5,730	(5,790)	4,730	(4,880)	1,000	(900)	17.5	(15.6)
Roane	5,710	(5,250)	4,270	(4,350)	1,440	(900)	25.2	(17.2)
Summers	4,620	(4,590)	3,640	(3,890)	980	(700)	21.2	(15.2)
Taylor	6,320	(6,220)	5,370	(5,420)	950	(790)	15.0	(12.7)
Tucker	4,200	(4,230)	3,610	(3,680)	600	(550)	14.2	(13.0)
Tyler	4,980	(5,000)	4,400	(4,510)	580	(490)	11.6	(9.8)
Upshur	8,890	(9,190)	7,250	(7,560)	1,640	(1,640)	18.4	(17.8)
Wayne	17,350	(16,830)	14,500	(14,850)	2,840	(1,980)	16.4	(11.7)
Webster	3,220	(3,250)	2,510	(2,600)	710	(650)	21.9	(19.9)
Wetzel	9,910	(9,860)	8,610	(8,820)	1,300	(1,050)	13.1	(10.6)
Wirt	2,200	(2,090)	1,780	(1,700)	420	(390)	19.0	(18.6)
Wood	43,020	(43,290)	38,230	(39,330)	4,790	(3,960)	11.1	(9.2)
Wyoming	7,380	(7,090)	6,080	(6,130)	1,300	(960)	17.6	(13.5)
Statewide	789,900	(786,200)	680,200	(698,300)	109,600	(87,900)	13.9	(11.2)

All data have been revised to March 1991 benchmark.
Calculated according to Current Population Survey adjusted to BLS procedures.

Partnership for Progress Area Unemployment Rates

WV Series / BLS Series ***January 1992***

All West Virginia Partnership for Progress areas posted higher West Virginia series unemployment rates for January 1992 except Area 3. During the 30-day period the rate for Area 3 dropped from 10.9 to 9.9 percent. Area 5 registered the highest unemployment rate for the month (10.8) and Area 1 recorded the lowest (7.5). Area 5 also sustained the greatest increase over the month (+1.9) while Area 2 incurred the least (+0.5). Predictable seasonal trends contributed to the general rise in the unemployment rates in all areas.

West Virginia Labor Force Statistics by Local Area

WV Series Labor Force Data
(In Thousands - Not Seasonally Adjusted)

	Prelim. Jan. '92	*Revised Dec. '91*	*Revised Jan. '91*
Charleston MSA			
Labor Force	113.6	115.2	112.8
Employment	105.7	108.5	105.5
Unemployment	8.0	6.7	7.3
Rate (%)	7.0	5.9	6.4
Huntington - Ashland - Ironton MSA			
Labor Force	126.9	128.2	126.1
Employment	117.3	119.8	118.0
Unemployment	9.7	8.4	8.1
Rate (%)	7.6	6.6	6.4
Parkersburg - Marietta MSA			
Labor Force	69.1	70.4	69.0
Employment	64.5	66.2	64.7
Unemployment	4.6	4.2	4.3
Rate (%)	6.7	5.9	6.2
Wheeling - Bridgeport MSA			
Labor Force	67.7	69.1	67.8
Employment	62.8	65.1	63.6
Unemployment	4.8	4.0	4.3
Rate (%)	7.2	5.8	6.3
Clarksburg LMA			
Labor Force	37.7	37.8	37.1
Employment	34.4	34.7	33.7
Unemployment	3.3	3.1	3.4
Rate (%)	8.8	8.1	9.2
Gauley LMA			
Labor Force	11.8	12.0	11.5
Employment	10.0	10.3	10.0
Unemployment	1.8	1.7	1.4
Rate (%)	15.6	14.0	12.5
Morgantown - Kingwood LMA			
Labor Force	53.9	55.1	51.0
Employment	51.1	52.5	48.1
Unemployment	2.9	2.6	2.9
Rate (%)	5.4	4.7	5.7
New Martinsville LMA			
Labor Force	13.9	14.1	14.2
Employment	12.8	13.1	12.9
Unemployment	1.1	1.0	1.3
Rate (%)	8.1	7.3	9.0
Ronceverte - White Sulphur Springs LMA			
Labor Force	20.4	20.4	20.1
Employment	17.9	18.5	17.8
Unemployment	2.4	1.9	2.3
Rate (%)	12.0	9.2	11.5

BLS Series Labor Force Data
(In Thousands - Not Seasonally Adjusted)

	Prelim. Jan. '92	*Revised Dec. '91*	*Revised Jan. '91*
Charleston MSA			
Labor Force	121.0	120.5	119.2
Employment	107.6	110.6	109.3
Unemployment	13.3	10.0	9.9
Rate (%)	11.0	8.3	8.3
Huntington - Ashland - Ironton MSA			
Labor Force	135.2	134.1	131.3
Employment	118.0	120.2	119.3
Unemployment	17.2	13.8	12.0
Rate (%)	12.7	10.3	9.2
Parkersburg - Marietta MSA			
Labor Force	74.2	74.1	73.0
Employment	66.5	67.8	66.8
Unemployment	7.8	6.3	6.2
Rate (%)	10.5	8.5	8.5
Wheeling - Bridgeport MSA			
Labor Force	72.9	72.8	71.8
Employment	64.8	66.7	65.6
Unemployment	8.2	6.1	6.2
Rate (%)	11.2	8.4	8.7
Clarksburg LMA			
Labor Force	40.6	39.9	39.5
Employment	35.0	35.4	34.8
Unemployment	5.6	4.5	4.7
Rate (%)	13.8	11.4	11.8
Gauley LMA			
Labor Force	13.3	13.0	12.3
Employment	10.2	10.5	10.4
Unemployment	3.1	2.5	2.0
Rate (%)	23.3	19.0	15.9
Morgantown - Kingwood LMA			
Labor Force	56.8	57.3	53.8
Employment	52.0	53.5	49.8
Unemployment	4.8	3.8	4.0
Rate (%)	8.5	6.7	7.4
New Martinsville LMA			
Labor Force	14.9	14.9	15.1
Employment	13.0	13.3	13.4
Unemployment	1.9	1.5	1.8
Rate (%)	12.6	10.3	11.6
Ronceverte - White Sulphur Springs LMA			
Labor Force	22.4	21.6	21.6
Employment	18.3	18.8	18.4
Unemployment	4.1	2.8	3.2
Rate (%)	18.3	12.8	14.7

Charleston Metropolitan Statistical Area

(Counties of Kanawha and Putnam, West Virginia)

Employment: Total nonfarm payroll fell by 2,800 during January 1992 in the Charleston MSA. The local goods-producing sector declined by 900, with the construction industry (-900) contributing totally to the sector's overall decline. In the service-producing sector the number of jobs declined by 1,900, with losses centered in total trade (-1,100) and government (-400). Services also registered a decline of 300 jobs. These losses during January resulted from seasonal factors. Comparison with year-ago January 1991 data reveals a 2,000 job increase over the year. The majority of the yearly gain occurred in total services (+1,300), government (+200) and transportation, communication and public utilities (+200). Construction advanced by 200 jobs in the goods-producing sector.

Unemployment: Resident-based total unemployment increased by 1,300 persons during January 1992 in the Charleston MSA. The corresponding unemployment rate also increased to 7.0 percent of the civilian labor force. The year-ago comparison also indicates an increase from 6.4 percent to the current 7.0 percent.

WV Series Labor Force Data

(In Thousands - Not Seasonally Adjusted)

	Prelim. Jan. '92	*Revised Dec. '91*	*Revised Jan. '91*
Labor Force	113.6	115.2	112.8
Employment	105.7	108.5	105.5
Unemployment	8.0	6.7	7.3
Rate (%)	7.0	5.9	6.4

BLS Series Labor Force Data

(In Thousands - Not Seasonally Adjusted)

	Prelim. Jan. '92	*Revised Dec. '91*	*Revised Jan. '91*
Labor Force	121.0	120.5	119.2
Employment	107.6	110.6	109.3
Unemployment	13.3	10.0	9.9
Rate (%)	11.0	8.3	8.3

Nonfarm Payroll Employment by Industry

	Prelim. Jan. '92	*Revised Dec. '91*	*Revised Jan. '91*	*Change From: Dec. 1991*	*Jan. 1991*
TOTAL NONFARM PAYROLL	110.6	113.4	108.6	-2.8	2.0
PRIVATE SECTOR	90.9	93.3	89.3	-2.4	1.6
GOODS-PRODUCING	17.0	17.9	16.7	-0.9	0.3
Mining	2.3	2.3	2.3	0.0	0.0
Construction	4.1	5.0	3.9	-0.9	0.2
Manufacturing	10.6	10.6	10.5	0.0	0.1
Durable Goods	1.8	1.8	1.7	0.0	0.1
Nondurable Goods	8.8	8.8	8.8	0.0	0.0
Chemicals & Allied Products	7.4	7.4	7.4	0.0	0.0
Other Nondurable Goods	1.4	1.4	1.4	0.0	0.0
SERVICE-PRODUCING	93.6	95.5	91.9	-1.9	1.7
Transportation & Public Utilities	8.9	8.8	8.7	0.1	0.2
Trade	27.9	29.0	27.9	-1.1	0.0
Wholesale Trade	7.1	7.1	7.2	0.0	-0.1
Retail Trade	20.8	21.9	20.7	-1.1	0.1
Finance, Insurance, & Real Estate	6.4	6.6	6.6	-0.2	-0.2
Services	30.7	31.0	29.4	-0.3	1.3
Health Services	11.6	11.6	11.1	0.0	0.5
Government	19.7	20.1	19.3	-0.4	0.4
Federal	2.1	2.0	1.9	0.1	0.2
State	9.2	9.5	8.8	-0.3	0.4
Local	8.4	8.6	8.6	-0.2	-0.2
Labor-Management Dispute Status	0.0	0.0	0.3	0.0	-0.3

Average Hours and Earnings of Production Workers in Manufacturing

	Average Weekly Earnings			**Average Weekly Hours**			**Average Hourly Earnings**		
	Jan. '92	*Dec. '91*	*Jan. '91*	*Jan. '92*	*Dec. '91*	*Jan. '91*	*Jan. '92*	*Dec. '91*	*Jan. '91*
Manufacturing	$629.97	$645.25	$583.08	43.9	44.5	43.0	$14.35	$14.50	$13.56
Nondurable Goods	662.06	704.24	627.10	43.7	45.7	44.1	15.15	15.41	14.22
Chemicals & Allied Products	744.75	799.45	717.14	45.0	47.9	46.0	16.55	16.69	15.59

Huntington-Ashland-Ironton Metropolitan Statistical Area

(Counties of Cabell and Wayne, West Virginia; Boyd, Carter and Greenup, Kentucky; Lawrence, Ohio)

Employment: Labor market conditions in the Huntington-Ashland-Ironton MSA deteriorated during January 1992. The total number of jobs fell by 2,200 over the month locally with losses centered primarily in the service-producing industries (-1,800). Notably total trade (-900) and government (-600) declined sharply, due to seasonal factors. The local goods-producing sector declined by 400 with the decrease in the construction industry (-400) employment. Comparison with year-ago January 1991 nonfarm payroll data indicates no change in the number of jobs for the MSA. No labor-management disputes were noted for the MSA during January 1992.

Unemployment: Resident-based total unemployment advanced sharply by 1,300 during January 1992. The MSA unemployment rate showed a corresponding increase to 7.6 percent of the civilian labor force. Comparison with year-ago data also reveals total unemployment increasing (+1,600) with the unemployment rate advancing from 6.4 percent to the current level of 7.6 percent.

WV Series Labor Force Data

(In Thousands - Not Seasonally Adjusted)

	Prelim. Jan. '92	*Revised Dec. '91*	*Revised Jan. '91*
Labor Force	126.9	128.2	126.1
Employment	117.3	119.8	118.0
Unemployment	9.7	8.4	8.1
Rate (%)	7.6	6.6	6.4

BLS Series Labor Force Data

(In Thousands - Not Seasonally Adjusted)

	Prelim. Jan. '92	*Revised Dec. '91*	*Revised Jan. '91*
Labor Force	135.2	134.1	131.3
Employment	118.0	120.2	119.3
Unemployment	17.2	13.8	12.0
Rate (%)	12.7	10.3	9.2

Nonfarm Payroll Employment by Industry

	Prelim. Jan. '92	*Revised Dec. '91*	*Revised Jan. '91*	*Change From: Dec. 1991*	*Jan. 1991*
TOTAL NONFARM PAYROLL	109.5	111.7	109.5	-2.2	0.0
PRIVATE SECTOR	90.2	91.8	90.2	-1.6	0.0
GOODS-PRODUCING	25.4	25.8	26.2	-0.4	-0.8
Mining	1.6	1.6	1.6	0.0	0.0
Construction	4.2	4.6	4.4	-0.4	-0.2
Manufacturing	19.6	19.6	20.2	0.0	-0.6
Durable Goods	11.2	11.2	12.0	0.0	-0.8
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	1.4	1.4	1.4	0.0	00
Primary & Fabricated Metal Products	7.2	7.3	7.7	-0.1	-0.5
Other Durable Goods	2.6	2.5	2.9	0.1	-0.3
Nondurable Goods	8.4	8.4	8.2	0.0	0.2
Apparel & Other Textile Products	1.5	1.5	1.6	0.0	-0.1
Chemicals & Petroleum	4.4	4.4	4.3	0.0	0.1
Other Nondurable Goods	2.5	2.5	2.3	0.0	0.2
SERVICE-PRODUCING	84.1	85.9	83.3	-1.8	0.8
Transportation & Public Utilities	7.2	7.2	8.0	0.0	-0.8
Trade	27.9	28.8	27.5	-0.9	0.4
Wholesale Trade	5.5	5.4	5.4	0.1	0.1
Retail Trade	22.4	23.4	22.1	-1.0	0.3
Finance, Insurance, & Real Estate	3.9	3.9	3.8	0.0	0.1
Services	25.8	26.1	24.7	-0.3	1.1
Health Services	11.0	11.0	10.4	0.0	0.6
Government	19.3	19.9	19.3	-0.6	0.0
Federal	3.0	3.0	2.8	0.0	0.2
State	4.7	5.1	4.7	-0.4	0.0
Local	11.6	11.8	11.8	-0.2	-0.2
Labor-Management Dispute Status	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Average Hours and Earnings of Production Workers in Manufacturing

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Prelim. Jan. '92	*Revised Dec. '91*	*Revised Jan. '91*	*Prelim. Jan. '92*	*Revised Dec. '91*	*Revised Jan. '91*	*Prelim. Jan. '92*	*Revised Dec. '91*	*Revised Jan. '91*
Manufacturing	$550.11	$583.38	$523.59	40.9	41.7	38.9	$13.45	$13.99	$13.46
Durable Goods	574.49	588.87	549.66	40.4	40.5	38.9	14.22	14.54	14.13
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	565.46	524.03	549.48	44.7	42.5	43.3	12.65	12.33	12.69
Primary & Fabricated Metal Products	640.76	661.69	580.62	39.7	40.2	37.1	16.14	16.46	15.65
Nondurable Goods	517.48	577.70	481.90	41.8	43.6	38.8	12.38	13.25	12.42

Parkersburg-Marietta Metropolitan Statistical Area

(Counties of Wood, West Virginia; Washington, Ohio)

Employment: Total nonfarm payroll employment fell by 1,500 during January 1992 in the Parkersburg MSA. The local goods-producing sector declined by 600, notably in construction (-400) and nondurable goods manufacturing (-200). In the service-producing sector, employment decreased by 900 jobs over the month, as retail trade (-500) and government (-200) declined. Services and transportation and public utilities each fell by 100 jobs over the month. Most of these decreases resulted from seasonal factors. Comparison with year-ago January 1991 data surprisingly indicates a slight increase of 300 jobs, resulting from gains in services (+600) and trade (+400). The goods-producing sector fell by 900 over the year as construction (-300) and manufacturing (-600) both declined. No labor-management disputes were noted for January 1992 in the local MSA.

Unemployment: Total unemployment increased by 400 during January 1992 in the Parkersburg-Marietta MSA. The area unemployment rate advanced sharply to 6.7 percent of the civilian labor force. Comparison with year-ago data reveals an increase in the MSA rate from 6.2 percent to the current 6.7 percent.

WV Series Labor Force Data

(In Thousands - Not Seasonally Adjusted)

	Prelim. Jan. '92	*Revised Dec. '91*	*Revised Jan. '91*
Labor Force	69.1	70.4	69.0
Employment	64.5	66.2	64.7
Unemployment	4.6	4.2	4.3
Rate (%)	6.7	5.9	6.2

BLS Series Labor Force Data

(In Thousands - Not Seasonally Adjusted)

	Prelim. Jan. '92	*Revised Dec. '91*	*Revised Jan. '91*
Labor Force	74.2	74.1	73.0
Employment	66.5	67.8	66.8
Unemployment	7.8	6.3	6.2
Rate (%)	10.5	8.5	8.5

Nonfarm Payroll Employment by Industry

	Prelim. Jan. '92	*Revised Dec. '91*	*Revised Jan. '91*	*Change From: Dec. 1991*	*Jan. 1991*
TOTAL NONFARM PAYROLL	61.1	62.6	60.8	-1.5	0.3
PRIVATE SECTOR	51.1	52.4	51.0	-1.3	0.1
GOODS-PRODUCING	16.2	16.8	17.1	-0.6	-0.9
Mining	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.0	0.0
Construction	2.2	2.6	2.5	-0.4	-0.3
Manufacturing	13.6	13.8	14.2	-0.2	-0.6
Durable Goods	6.7	6.7	6.9	0.0	-0.2
Lumber, Wood Products & Furniture	0.9	0.9	1.0	0.0	-0.1
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	1.7	1.7	1.8	0.0	-0.1
Primary & Fabricated Metal Products	2.8	2.8	2.8	0.0	0.0
Other Durable Goods	1.3	1.3	1.3	0.0	0.0
Nondurable Goods	6.9	7.1	7.3	-0.2	-0.4
Chemicals & Allied Products	5.2	5.3	5.5	-0.1	-0.3
Other Nondurable Goods	1.7	1.8	1.8	-0.1	-0.1
SERVICE-PRODUCING	44.9	45.8	43.7	-0.9	1.2
Transportation & Public Utilities	2.6	2.7	2.6	-0.1	0.0
Trade	14.8	15.3	14.4	-0.5	0.4
Wholesale Trade	2.9	2.9	2.8	0.0	0.1
Retail Trade	11.9	12.4	11.6	-0.5	0.3
Finance, Insurance, & Real Estate	2.3	2.3	2.3	0.0	0.0
Services	15.2	15.3	14.6	-0.1	0.6
Health Services	4.7	4.7	4.6	0.0	0.1
Government	10.0	10.2	9.8	-0.2	0.2
Federal	1.9	1.9	1.8	0.0	0.1
State	1.1	1.2	1.1	-0.1	0.0
Local	7.0	7.1	6.9	-0.1	0.1
Labor-Management Dispute Status	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Average Hours and Earnings of Production Workers in Manufacturing

	Average Weekly Earnings *Prelim. Jan. '92*	*Revised Dec. '91*	*Revised Jan. '91*	Average Weekly Hours *Prelim. Jan. '92*	*Revised Dec. '91*	*Revised Jan. '91*	Average Hourly Earnings *Prelim. Jan. '92*	*Revised Dec. '91*	*Revised Jan. '91*
Manufacturing	$607.75	$600.43	$575.19	41.4	41.9	42.2	$14.68	$14.33	$13.63
Durable Goods	499.48	491.88	490.44	38.6	38.7	40.2	12.94	12.71	12.20
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	504.65	561.00	540.67	43.5	42.5	44.1	13.90	13.20	12.26
Primary & Fabricated Metal Products	481.64	481.97	510.90	34.7	34.9	38.5	13.88	13.81	13.27
Nondurable Goods	743.10	735.09	675.69	44.9	45.8	44.6	16.55	16.05	15.15

Wheeling-Bridgeport Metropolitan Statistical Area

(Counties of Marshall and Ohio, West Virginia; Belmont, Ohio)

Employment: Total nonfarm payroll employment fell by 1,700 during January 1992 in the Wheeling-Bridgeport Metropolitan Statistical Area. The majority of this monthly decline occurred in the local service-producing sector (-1,400) particularly in total trade (-700) and government (-400). Total services decreased by 300 jobs. The local goods-producing sector declined by 300, generally in the construction industry (-300). The majority of this overall monthly decrease was related to seasonal factors. Comparison with year-ago January 1991 figures indicates a slight decline of 200 jobs. In the goods-producing industries manufacturing fell by 400, while mining advanced by 200 over the year. The service-producing sector was unchanged, as gains in total services (+400), finance, insurance and real estate (+100) and transportation and public utilities (+100) were offset by losses in total trade (-400) and government (-200). No labor-management disputes were recorded for January 1992.

Unemployment: Resident-based total unemployment increased by 800 during January 1992 in the MSA, with the corresponding unemployment rate increasing to 7.2 percent of the civilian labor force. Comparison with year-ago data indicates an increase of 500 unemployed over the year with the unemployment rate advancing from 6.3 percent to the current 7.2 percent.

WV Series Labor Force Data

(In Thousands - Not Seasonally Adjusted)

	Prelim. Jan. '92	*Revised Dec. '91*	*Revised Jan. '91*
Labor Force	67.7	69.1	67.8
Employment	62.8	65.1	63.6
Unemployment	4.8	4.0	4.3
Rate (%)	7.2	5.8	6.3

BLS Series Labor Force Data

(In Thousands - Not Seasonally Adjusted)

	Prelim. Jan. '92	*Revised Dec. '91*	*Revised Jan. '91*
Labor Force	72.9	72.8	71.8
Employment	64.8	66.7	65.6
Unemployment	8.2	6.1	6.2
Rate (%)	11.2	8.4	8.7

Nonfarm Payroll Employment by Industry

	Prelim. Jan. '92	*Revised Dec. '91*	*Revised Jan. '91*	*Change From: Dec. 1991*	*Jan. 1991*
TOTAL NONFARM PAYROLL	58.8	60.5	59.0	-1.7	-0.2
PRIVATE SECTOR	49.8	51.1	49.8	-1.3	0.0
GOODS-PRODUCING	10.7	11.0	10.9	-0.3	-0.2
Mining	2.2	2.1	2.0	0.1	0.2
Construction	1.5	1.8	1.5	-0.3	0.0
Manufacturing	7.0	7.1	7.4	-0.1	-0.4
Durable Goods	2.8	2.8	2.9	0.0	-0.1
Nondurable Goods	4.2	4.3	4.5	-0.1	-0.3
SERVICE-PRODUCING	48.1	49.5	48.1	-1.4	0.0
Transportation & Public Utilities	3.3	3.3	3.2	0.0	0.1
Trade	14.9	15.6	15.3	-0.7	-0.4
Wholesale Trade	2.7	2.8	2.7	-0.1	0.0
Retail Trade	12.2	12.8	12.6	-0.6	-0.4
Finance, Insurance, & Real Estate	3.2	3.2	3.1	0.0	0.1
Services	17.7	18.0	17.3	-0.3	0.4
Health Services	7.9	7.9	7.8	0.0	0.1
Government	9.0	9.4	9.2	-0.4	-0.2
Federal	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.0	0.0
State	1.7	2.0	1.8	-0.3	-0.1
Local	6.6	6.7	6.7	-0.1	-0.1
Labor-Management Dispute Status	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Average Hours and Earnings of Production Workers in Manufacturing

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Jan. '92	*Dec. '91*	*Jan. '91*	*Jan. '92*	*Dec. '91*	*Jan. '91*	*Jan. '92*	*Dec. '91*	*Jan. '91*
Manufacturing	$508.41	$564.54	$545.92	37.8	38.8	40.2	$13.45	$14.55	$13.58
Nondurable Goods	563.80	671.06	592.66	40.3	44.5	41.1	13.99	15.08	14.42
Durable Goods	442.31	440.50	487.11	34.8	32.2	39.0	12.71	13.68	12.49

Applicants and Nonfarm Job Openings in West Virginia Job Service Offices

Occupational Category	Applicants Available Program Year to Date	Active File	NONFARM JOB OPENINGS Received Program Year to Date	Total	UNFILLED 30 Days or More	FILLED Total	Applicant/ Openings Program Year to Date	Active File/ Unfilled Openings End of Month
TOTAL	149,896	71,011	24,124	1,971	1,175	18,229	6.2	36.0
Professional, Technical & Managerial	15,538	7,362	854	180	99	344	18.2	40.9
Clerical & Sales	39,621	16,401	5,330	605	306	3,529	7.4	27.1
Services	18,007	7,099	4,082	228	122	2,862	4.4	33.8
Agricultural, Fishery & Forestry	1,376	720	90	37	6	32	15.3	19.5
Processing	7,952	4,215	527	80	76	494	15.1	52.7
Machine Trades	10,378	5,479	766	91	45	472	13.5	60.2
Benchwork	6,258	3,230	466	75	54	272	13.4	43.1
Structural Work	25,943	14,367	1,416	176	107	859	18.3	81.6
Miscellaneous	30,764	13,244	10,593	499	360	9,365	2.9	26.5
Transportation	6,908	3,570	740	72	48	459	9.3	49.6
Packaging & Materials Handling	17,596	6,004	9,356	305	238	8,618	1.9	19.7
Other	6,260	3,670	497	122	74	288	12.6	30.1
Entry Total	20	3	0	0	0	0	xx	xx

Select Unemployment Compensation Claims Activities

	Jan. 1992	Dec. 1991	Jan. 1991	Percent Change: Dec. 1991	Jan. 1991
Initial Claims	17,278	13,598	18,148	27.1	-4.8
Weeks Claimed	129,019	109,148	132,744	18.2	-2.8
Benefits Paid	$15,560,107	$13,853,871	$15,709,204	12.3	-0.9
Weeks Compensated	103,097	90,099	105,945	14.4	-2.7
Average Weekly Payment	$150.93	$153.76	$148.28	-1.8	1.8
Trust Fund Balance, End of Month	$140,047,419	$149,736,209	$136,482,309	-6.5	2.6

Workers' Compensation

Select Workers' Compensation Claims Activities

	Jan. 1992	Dec. 1991	Jan. 1991	Percent Change: Dec. 1991	Jan. 1991
Temporary Disability Benefits Paid	6,360,472	8,293,464	8,137,768	-23.3	-21.8
Medical Benefits Paid	5,802,962	6,792,500	8,394,805	-14.6	-30.9
Permanent Partial Disability Benefits Paid	3,214,682	2,876,859	2,959,888	11.7	8.6
Permanent Total Disability Benefits Paid	9,076,354	8,263,538	5,452,427	9.8	66.5
Benefits to Dependents of Fatalities	1,565,388	1,994,263	1,521,647	-21.5	2.9
Funeral Benefits Paid	3,500	31,269	10,500	-88.8	-66.7
Miscellaneous Benefits Paid*	222,450	104,915	315,450	112.0	-29.5
DWRF** Permanent Total Disability Benefits Paid	677,253	622,460	602,553	8.8	12.4
DWRF** Benefits Paid to Dependents of Fatalities	978,949	1,008,925	975,560	-3.0	0.3
Sum of All Benefits Paid	27,902,010	29,988,193	28,370,599	-7.0	-1.7

** Includes returned benefit checks, attorney fees and specified dependent benefits.*
*** Disabled Workers' Relief Fund provides benefits to meet the weekly minimum benefit payable for worker's injured prior to July 1, 1971.*

Select Job Training Partnership Act Characteristics

Performance Standard Report
July 1, 1990 - June 30, 1991

Job Training Program	Standard	Actual
Entered Employment Rate - Adults	68	68
Average Wage at Placements Adults	4.95	4.81
Cost Per Entered Employment Adults	4,500	2,284
Entered Employment Rate - Welfare Recipients	56	58
Entered Employment Rate - Youth (Out of School Programs)	45	53
Positive Termination Rate - Youth (In School Programs)	75	85
Cost Per Positive Termination - Youth	4,900	2,101
Employability Enhancement Rate - Youth (In School Programs)	33	52

Characteristics	Enrolled	Positive Outlook*
Adult	8,582	6,951
Female	5,406	4,379
Male	3,176	2,572
Youth	7,326	5,495
Female	3,882	2,912
Male	3,444	2,583
School Dropout	**	2,341
High School Graduate /Equivalent or above	**	6,355
Single Parent	**	2,777
Black	**	904
Hispanic	**	35
Handicapped	**	1,059
Unemployed	**	6,648
Welfare	**	2,841
Veterans	**	772

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